

Public Health Agency of Canada

Founded in 2004

The Public Health Agency of Canada was established in **2004** as a result of the lessons learned from the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003 and the growing concerns about the capacity of Canada's public health system to anticipate and react effectively to health threats.

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PHAC was established to:



Protect against threats to public health



Promote healthy behaviors and public policies



Prevent and control diseases and injuries

From coast to coast to coast

DID YOU KNOW?

PHAC's work is broad and covers many areas, including:

- Health equity and official languages
- Science, research, and technology
- Indigenous health
- Public health surveillance and data management
- Immunization programs
- One Health
- Vaccines, therapeutics and other medical countermeasures
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Pandemic preparedness and emergency response capacity
- Border and travel health
- Health across the life course

Collaborating for Better Public Health

PHAC can't advance public health alone

Partnerships play a vital role in helping the agency address public health challenges, advance research, and enhance preparedness and response efforts across Canada.



Government



**Indigenous
Partners**



**Academic and
Research
Partners**



**Communities
and Community-
Based Partners**



Industry



**International
Organizations**



NGOs

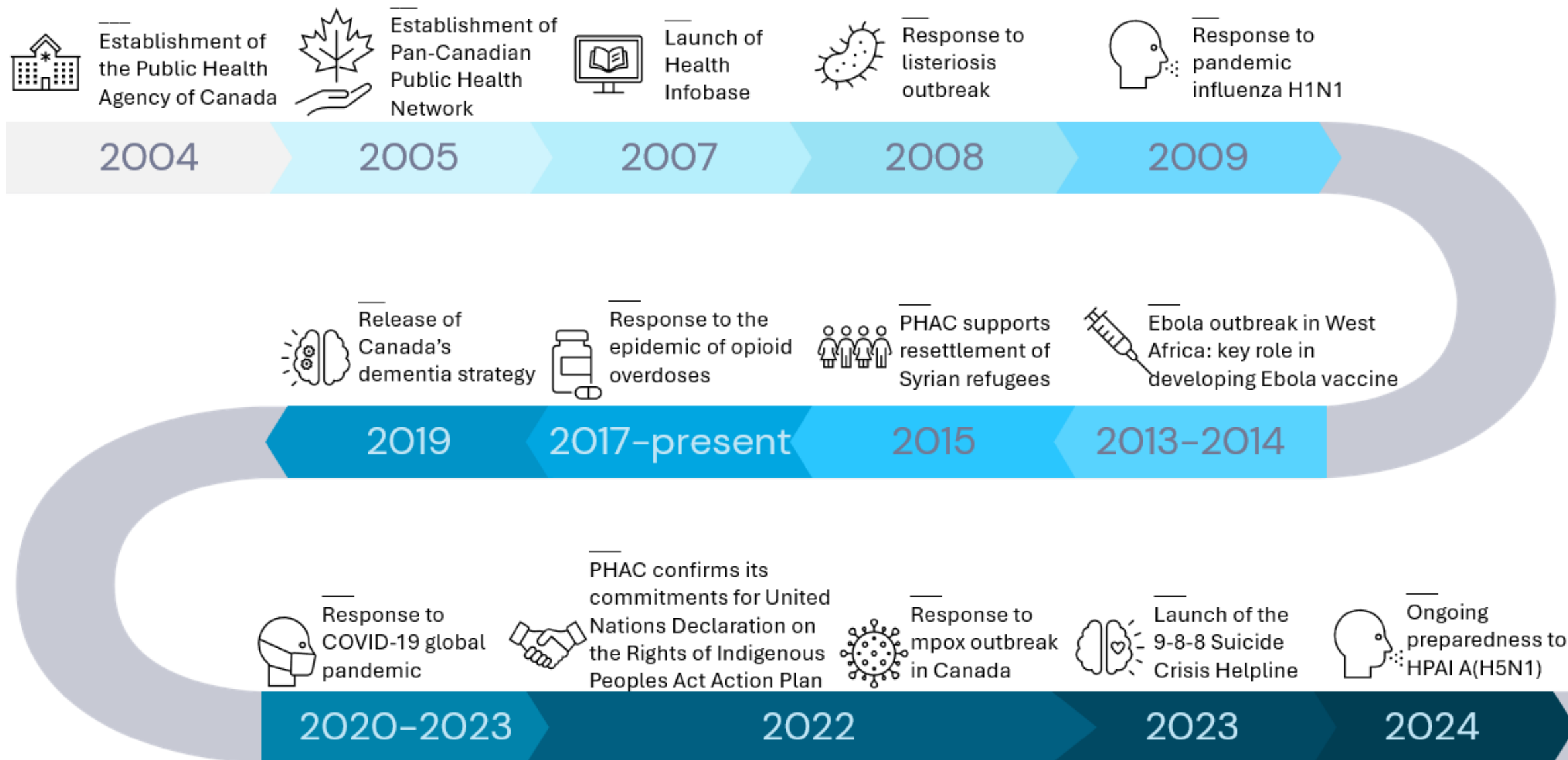


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20 Years of PHAC





PHAC's Commitment to Reconciliation

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Policy and Programs

Advance commitments and respond to priorities identified by Indigenous partners to co-develop concrete actions

Engagement

Timely, meaningful & coordinated engagement

Learning

Embed anti-racist & cultural competency in training, recruitment and retention strategies

Governance

Effective oversight & accountability for implementation of concrete actions to uphold Indigenous rights

Examples of PHAC's Key Actions to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic



**International Border
and Travel Health
Measures**



**National emergency
stockpiling of
medical assets**



**Testing and
Laboratory Services**



Vaccination



**Surveillance and
Data**



Guidance and advice



**Science, Research
and Innovation**



**Risk
Communications
and Outreach**



**Health Inequities
and Inequalities**



**Collaboration and
coordination**

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learn more**





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Canadian health data
visualizations made
easy and accessible

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Canada's Dementia Strategy



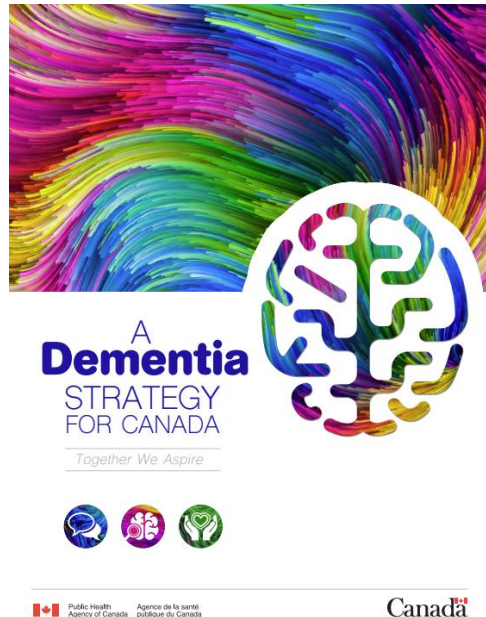
Prevent
dementia



Advance therapies
and find a cure



Improve the quality of life of people
living with dementia and caregivers



11 public opinion research projects
to improve understanding of dementia in Canada

5-year public education campaign
to reduce dementia risk and stigma

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9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline

PHAC supports the 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline

9-8-8 provides suicide prevention crisis support to people across Canada

**Call or text
9-8-8**

24/7/365

**English
French**

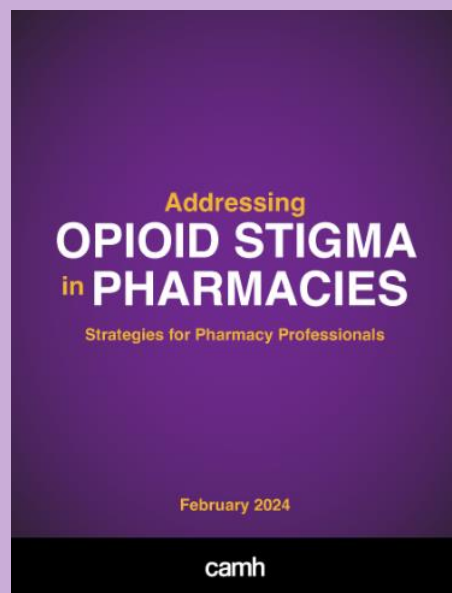
**Trauma
informed**

**Youth and
Indigenous
support**

**Learn more
Visit 988.ca**



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Addressing Opioid Stigma

This PHAC-supported toolkit was developed in consultation with experts, including **pharmacy professionals and people with lived experience**.

“Together, we can help meet people where they are at, initiate discussions about treatment options where appropriate, and support the delivery of stigma-free care in our health care settings.”

- Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, PHAC

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Improving the Health of Canadian Youth

Health Behaviour In School-aged Children study (HBSC)



Provides data from **students in grades 6-10** on topics such as:

- ✓ Family
- ✓ Friends
- ✓ School
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Sexual health
- ✓ Substance use
- ✓ Social Media Use
- ✓ Bullying

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CPHO 2025 Report

**Working Together to
Thrive: Well-Being and
Public Health**

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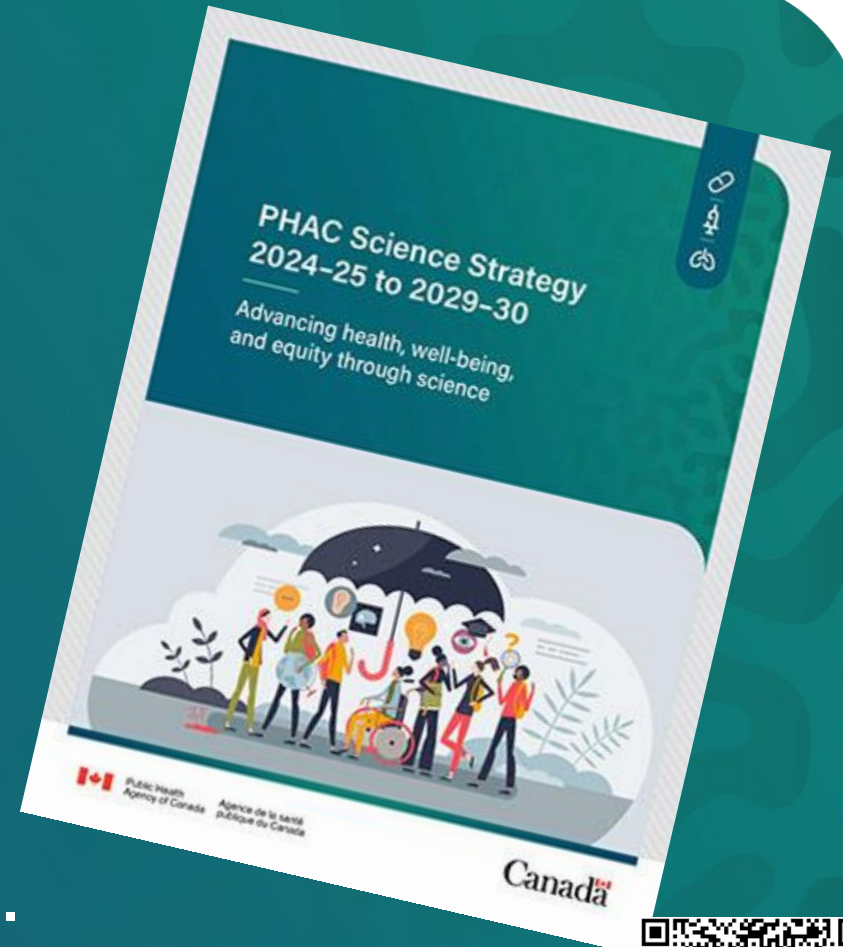
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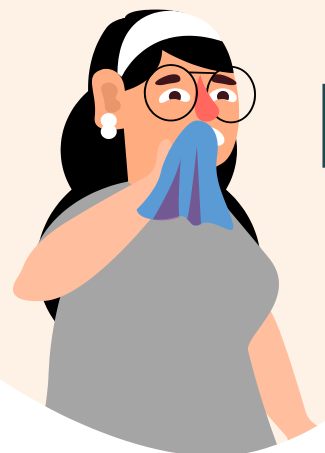
**This Science Strategy
provides a frame for PHAC's
science-centred culture.**

It represents a purposeful shift
towards a more open and
collaborative model for our science.



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FluWatchers

Become a Flu Watcher

Join a team of 20,000 FluWatchers to provide early warning of flu, COVID-19, and RSV outbreaks. It only takes 30 seconds to build a healthier future!



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