

How can the Population Health Unit help you?

As a member of the public, some of the services you may benefit from include:

- ✓ Safe food handling courses
- ✓ Temporary food permits for public events
- ✓ Information on inspections of regulated public facilities, such as restaurants
- ✓ Monitoring and testing of small water systems
- ✓ Plumbing and septic system approvals, inspections and permitting
- ✓ Investigation of dog bites with concern for exposure to rabies or other infections
- ✓ Follow-up on communicable diseases
- ✓ Nutrition and oral health education
- ✓ Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) and cooking classes
- ✓ Environmental health assessments and monitoring of northern developments
- ✓ Quality, safety and ethical guidelines for research initiatives

Specialized services are provided to:

- restaurant owners and outfitting operators
- mining and exploration camp operators
- northern healthcare professionals
- researchers
- educators

Contact us

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POPULATION HEALTH UNIT

Northern Saskatchewan



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General Information for the Public

Healthy People,
Healthy Communities

Who are we?

We are a committed team of health professionals working to help the people of northern Saskatchewan preserve and enhance their health.

The Northern Saskatchewan Population Health Unit is unique in the province. It is a major collaborative initiative of

the **Athabasca Health Authority (AHA)**, **Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority (KYRHA)** and **Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority (MCRRHA)**,



as expressed in the Northern Health Authorities Co-Management Partnership Committee memorandum of understanding. The geographical area served is 307,180 square kilometres, almost half the province. The population is approximately 39,000.

The goal is to maximize the utilization of resources, while respecting the autonomy and identity of individual health authorities. In collaboration with them, we provide support, expertise and specialized programs.

We are responsible for community health surveillance, health protection and disease control, including enforcement, as mandated by *The Public Health Act* and related regulations.

In addition, we play a role in community health consultation and advice, population health promotion, healthy public policy, community development and health education. We also evaluate population health initiatives.

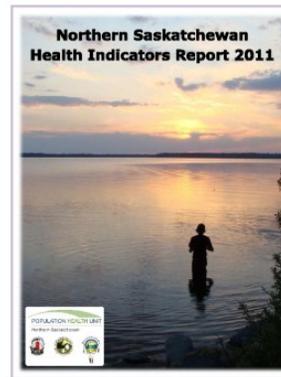
What is “population health”?

A population health strategy focuses on factors that enhance the health and well-being of the overall population. It is concerned with the living and working environments that affect people’s health, the conditions that enable and support people in making healthy choices, and the services that promote and maintain health. – *Strategies for Population Health*, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Advisory Committee on Population Health

These factors impacting health include:

- ✓ our physical environment such as air, soil, water, and housing quality;
- ✓ communities, schools and workplaces;
- ✓ education, employment, working conditions and income;
- ✓ healthy child development, access to nutritious food, and literacy;
- ✓ social and family supports;
- ✓ health services.

For more information on these factors, see the Northern Saskatchewan Health Indicators Report 2011, available on our website.



Who is on our team?

The **Medical Health Officer** and **Deputy Medical Health Officer** work closely with a team that includes:

- ✓ Environmental Health Manager and Public Health Inspectors
- ✓ Environmental Health Protection Coordinator
- ✓ Nurse Epidemiologist
- ✓ Public Health Nurse Specialist and TB Outreach Nurses
- ✓ Communicable Disease/Immunization Coordinator
- ✓ HIV Strategy Coordinator and Community Case Worker
- ✓ Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator and Infection Control Practitioner
- ✓ Dental Health Educator
- ✓ Public Health Nutritionist
- ✓ Health Promotion Coordinator
- ✓ Administrative Support Staff
- ✓ Director of the Population Health Unit

Staff of the Population Health Unit are active participants in a number of inter-agency initiatives, including the Northern Healthy Communities Partnership.

