

Algoma Public Health Strategic Planning Survey

INFORMED CONSENT

Algoma Public Health (APH) is looking for your input to help build our plan for the next 5 years. Your experiences and ideas are valuable. There is no risk in taking part in this survey.

To participate, you have to **live** or **work** in the Algoma Communities.

Your answers are **anonymous**. No names will be collected as part of the survey.

It is your choice to answer (or not answer) the survey. The service(s) you get from Algoma Public Health will not change based on your decision to participate or your responses to the survey questions.

You can answer all or some of the survey questions or stop at any time. Either way, your answers will still be used.

To take part, we ask that you answer the questions on the following pages to the best of your ability. By completing the questions on the following pages, **you are providing your consent** for your responses to be:

- Analyzed by the Collective Results consulting team
- Shared with the project team at APH

Your feedback will be combined with all other participant responses and included in a summary report provided to the APH project team. Individual responses will not be identified in the report.

All data will be stored on password-protected servers at both agencies for **six (6) years**, after which it will be permanently deleted.

If you have any accessibility needs or need extra support to complete this survey, please contact communications@algomapublichealth.com, 705-942-4646.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Algoma Public Health (APH) is a non-profit agency funded by local and provincial governments. APH works with individuals, families and community partners to promote and protect health and prevent disease. APH's services span all communities across the Algoma region, with physical offices located in Blind River, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa.

Answering a few questions about yourself will help us know whether all our diverse communities are represented in the survey results.

1. Which area of Algoma do you live in? (Select one)

- Central & East Algoma** which includes: Town of Blind River, Town of Bruce Mines, Hilton Township, Village of Hilton Beach, Municipality of Huron Shores (known as "Iron Bridge"), Township of Jocelyn, Johnson Township (known as "Desbarats"), Mississagi First Nation, Township of Plummer Additional, Township of St. Joseph (known as "Richards Landing"), Tarbutt Township, Township of The NorthShore, Town of Thessalon and Thessalon First Nation

Elliot Lake & Area which includes: City of Elliot Lake, Sagamok First Nation, Serpent River First Nation and Town of Spanish

North Algoma which includes: Dubreuilville, Michipicoten First Nation, Missanabie Cree First Nation, Municipality of Wawa, and Township of White River

Sault Ste. Marie & Area which includes: Batchewana First Nation, Garden River First Nation, Laird Township, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional (also known as “Echo Bay”), Prince Township, City of Sault Ste. Marie, and Unorganized North (Aweres, Goulais River, Heyden, etc.)

Prefer not to answer

Do not know / unsure

I do not live in this area

Not listed. The Algoma community I live in is:

2. What is your age? (Select one)

15 years or younger

21-25 years

31-35 years

41-45 years

51-55 years

61-65 years

71-75 years

71-75 years

16-20 years

26-30 years

36-40 years

46-50 years

56-60 years

66-70 years

76-80 years

Prefer not to answer



3. What is your gender identity? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genderfluid or genderqueer | <input type="checkbox"/> Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonbinary | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning or unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know / unsure | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another gender identity
(please specify): | |

SERVICE LIST

Our Vision is **Health for all. Together.**

We work to keep people healthy and make sure everyone has a fair chance at good health in Algoma. Public Health is **not the same as going to the doctor or hospital when you are sick. We focus on helping people stay healthy and stop sickness before it starts.** Our team offers many health services and programs. Some of these help you directly. Others happen in the background to keep our communities healthy.

Here are some examples:

- **Community Health Reports** – We study health needs, share reports, and plan ways to help prevent illness and keep people healthy.
- **Community Partnerships** – We work with local groups to make our community healthier.



- **Disease Control** – We stop the spread of sickness like rabies, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis C, and tuberculosis. We help control sickness spreading in places like long term care homes.
- **Dental Care** – We check teeth in schools and offer dental help for seniors.
- **Emergency Preparedness** – We plan, prepare, and respond to public health emergencies and support Algoma’s 21 municipalities to do the same.
- **Healthy Families** – We support parents, babies, and children to grow and thrive.
- **Healthy Local Policies and Places** – We work with partners to make healthy choices easy in our community spaces, like adding healthy menu options at local arenas.
- **Safety** – We check restaurants, tattoo shops, salons, pools, and drinking water to keep people safe. We also teach food safety and give boil water notices when needed. We promote safety through education and, when required, through enforcement (ex. smoke-free Ontario, inspection infractions, etc.).
- **Save lives**– We give out naloxone and teach people how to use it to stop overdoses. We train other community agencies to give out naloxone.
- **School Health** – We work with schools to keep kids healthy, like helping bring fruits and vegetables to students at Northern Ontario schools.
- **Sexual Health** – We provide birth control at low or no cost, STI and pregnancy testing, and support for pregnancy choices.
- **Vaccines** – We give vaccines and share easy-to-understand information about them. We help people get their shots which keeps them safe from infectious disease.

EXPERIENCE WITH APH

4. Please indicate your experience level with Algoma Public Health. (select one)

- I have never heard of Algoma Public Health (if selected, **skip to question 10**)
- I have heard of Algoma Public Health but have not accessed services (if selected, **skip to question 10**)
- I have heard of Algoma Public Health but do not know what they do (if selected, **skip to question 10**)
- I am aware of Algoma Public Health and have used their services/supports (if selected, **continue to question 5-9**)

- If you selected “**I am aware of Algoma Public Health and have used their services/supports**” continue to **question 5-9**, and **questions 13-14**.
- If you selected any of the other options, **skip to question 10** and all following questions.

5. Reflecting on your experience with Algoma Public Health, what are the most helpful parts of the programs or services delivered by Algoma Public Health? (How are your needs being met?)

WHAT IS NOT WORKING WELL

6. Reflecting on your experience with Algoma Public Health over the past year, what are the biggest challenges you have faced when accessing programs and services/supports in the community?

COMMUNITY NEEDS

7. Reflect on the needs of the Algoma Communities. What should we pay close attention to as we plan for the next several years to best serve the Algoma Communities?

IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

8. What can be done to make your public health experience in the Algoma Communities better? (What should Algoma Public Health focus on to improve community health in the Algoma Communities?)

COMMENTS

9. Is there anything else you would like to mention today related to your experiences with Algoma Public Health?

Questions 10-12 are only to be completed if you answered **question 4** with:

- I have never heard of Algoma Public Health
- I have heard of Algoma Public Health but do not know what they do
- I have heard of Algoma Public Health but have not accessed services

If you answered question 9 above, continue to question 13 & 14 to

COMMUNITY NEEDS

10. Reflect on the needs of the Algoma community. What should we pay close attention to as we plan for the next 5 years to best serve the community? (What should Algoma Public Health focus on to improve community health in the Algoma Communities?)

IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

11. What can be done to increase awareness about the programs and services Algoma Public Health provides to the community?

12. What can be done to make sure when people use Algoma Public Health programs and services, they have a good experience?

Flip to the back of this page to complete the survey.



Almost done!

Answering a few more questions about yourself will help us know whether all of our diverse communities are being represented in the survey results. As a reminder, you can answer all or just some of the survey questions.

13. People might describe themselves by their race or racial background, for example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? (select all race categories that best describe you)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black (e.g., African, Caribbean) | <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous to Canada (e.g., First Nations, Métis, or Inuit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American (e.g., Brazilian, Columbian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern (e.g., Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian Turkish) | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian or Indo Caribbean (e.g., Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese) | <input type="checkbox"/> White (e.g., English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know / unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another race category that is not listed (please specify): | |

14. Do you self-identify as Francophone?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know / unsure | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

Survey complete!

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your input is valuable to us and will be helpful to inform our next strategic plan. The complete strategic plan will be published on our website in the Fall of 2026.

If you have any follow-up questions, you can contact us at communications@algomapublichealth.com, 705-942-4646.