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The Health Standards Compliance IPC Unit of Alberta Health is requesting confidential feedback from IPAC Canada members as to how infection prevention and control is monitored and implemented in their province.

The completed survey should be emailed to [mary.rudko@gov.ab.ca](mailto:mary.rudko@gov.ab.ca) no later than Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, 1-780-427-3101.

The following is a message from the unit.

Greeting from the Health Standards Compliance unit at Alberta Health! Our group fits into a division (Health System Accountability and Performance) which is responsible for oversight and public assurance to Albertans that they are receiving the best care in a safe and effective manner. The division oversees licensing, compliance monitoring, and investigations to ensure that provincial regulations and standards are being met across the health system. The division also brings together two large data hubs in the Ministry under a single Division, Health Analytics, and Epidemiology and Surveillance, to ensure that comprehensive analytical capacities within the Ministry work in tandem to coordinate the population health information of Albertans as well as the health services they receive, to better harness available data to make informed decisions about service needs program policies. The division provides strategic direction and leadership in the development of provincial policies, strategies and standards in disease control and prevention, health surveillance, environment health and emergency preparedness.

Within the division there are two units that deal with IPC. The Public Health Standards and Regulations Unit (Health Protection Branch) is responsible for strategic oversight/policy development of IPC, while the Health Standards Compliance (Standards Compliance and Licensing Branch) is responsible for working with Alberta Health Services to ensure compliance with our Alberta Standards. We are the latter unit, and we are currently looking to improve the manner in which we provide oversight. This survey will help to provide us with an idea of the current state of IPC practices in Canada, as we discuss ways to enhance our internal processes.