

Happy National Infection Control Week 2021!

I want to honour and thank all IPAC Canada members and everyone engaged in the prevention and control of infections for your commitment and dedication to keeping Canadians safe.

This year's theme, "*Infection Prevention and Control – Unite and Conquer!*", is particularly poignant in the face of COVID 19. The global pandemic has compelled upon us the opportunity to illustrate what has been always been known – infection prevention and control professionals (ICPs) are vital in protecting our communities and keeping those that use the healthcare system safe and healthy.

Proclaimed in 1989 by the federal government, National Infection Control Week is a platform for us to celebrate the valuable work being done by ICPs and to inform our healthcare colleagues and the public about the importance of infection prevention and control (IPAC).

Honestly, this year feels like infection prevention and control week every day! We have all been on stage promoting the value of IPAC. My ask of you this week is to take the time to review 2021 and celebrate your success. Each of you has so much to be proud of. I hope you have the time to reflect and savour the impact of what you have done and what you have accomplished. Thank you for being who you are.

As a reminder, don't forget to look at our NICW resources at <https://ipac-canada.org/national-infection-control-week.php> - from downloading copies of this year's wonderful NICW poster to media releases to ideas for your internal celebrations.

United we will Conquer!
Thank you and stay safe.



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