



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Celebrates 60 Years of Public Health Dedication

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is celebrating 60 years of service to the community this year. For six decades, RCDHU has played an essential role in protecting and promoting the health of our community with services dedicated to preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy behaviours, responding to emergencies, supporting health equity, and more.

"This is a significant milestone we are celebrating this year and it could not have been achieved without our dedicated staff - both past and present - our community partners and the residents of Renfrew County and District that we have served and continue to serve," states Heather Daly, CEO for RCDHU.

RCDHU is introducing a commemorative logo to mark the milestone, serving as a visual celebration of this very special occasion. It will appear on RCDHU's website and communications throughout the year.

The health unit first began operations in August of 1964, under the direction of Medical Officer of Health Dr. R. V. Peters. With an initial staff of 14, including Dr. Peters, an administrative assistant, eight nurses, and four inspectors, the health unit offered immunization services, in-home and hospital post-partum visits, health inspections, and water testing.

In 2024, the health unit has expanded to a team of approximately 85, serving a population of 107,522 across Renfrew County and District. RCDHU's numerous programs and services include immunization programs, dental services, harm reduction services, infectious disease surveillance and outbreak management, restaurant and other environmental health inspections, well water testing, disease and injury prevention, school health, prenatal education, post-partum support, sexual health services, and more.

"In the coming years, we will continue to focus on protecting and promoting the health and well-being of the residents of Renfrew County and District while reducing health inequities through our strategic priorities of fostering service excellence, expanding community partnerships, investing in a healthy workplace, and enhancing communication," states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health for RCDHU.

To learn more about RCDHU's programs and services, visit www.rcdhu.com and view the most recent [Annual Report](#). Stay connected on RCDHU's social media accounts.

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