

# Ontario IPAC Funding Covers External Consulting: Infection Shield Program Cuts LTC Workload and Compliance Risk

*Ontario LTCs can use IPAC funding to hire Infection Shield and cut outbreaks 35 % and slash compliance workloads for EDs, DOCs, and IPAC leads.*

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, June 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Many Ontario long-term care (LTC) homes are unaware that the province's dedicated Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) [funding](#) envelope can be used to pay for outside expertise. [Infection Shield](#), a Toronto-based IPAC consultancy, today clarified that its rapid-response program is fully billable under the funding and can actually reduce internal workload while driving down infection-related costs.

"We often hear, 'Bringing in a consultant will just give us more to do,'" said Dr. Kamyab Ghatan, National Chief Infection Control Officer at Infection Shield. "In practice, the opposite happens: executive teams gain visibility, Directors of Care gain compliance assurance, and IPAC leads gain hands-on support to execute tasks they already own."

How the program lightens the load

Executive Directors receive a live dashboard that ranks issues by risk and shows real-time progress. A recent 160-bed home reported a 25 % drop in overtime linked to outbreak management.

Directors of Care get ministry-aligned action plans and ready-to-file documentation, cutting weekly compliance paperwork by up to 5 hours.



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IPAC Leads work side-by-side with Infection Shield consultants who direct staff huddles, conduct mock inspections, and update protocols, turning solitary tasks into team efforts.

#### Proven impact

Across participating homes, the program has delivered:

- 35 % fewer infection-related incident reports
- 48 % shorter outbreak durations
- Zero compliance orders during unannounced ministry inspections

The cost of these results is absorbed by the ministry's IPAC funding stream, leaving operating budgets untouched.

[AdvantAge Ontario](#) released the funding details in their most recent "Media Clips" newsletter.

For further details on funding eligibility and program methodology, book a 10-minute call:

<https://infectionshield.ca/free-consult/>.

#### About Infection Shield

Infection Shield is a Canadian infection-prevention and control consultancy that helps long-term care, retirement, dental, and congregate-living organisations translate complex regulations into practical routines that protect residents, staff, and reputations. Services include comprehensive IPAC audits, real-time PPE and hand-hygiene monitoring apps, outbreak response, staff education, and policy development. Learn more at [www.infectionshield.ca](http://www.infectionshield.ca).

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