

Ontario LTC Homes Invited to Test Whether IPAC Audit Findings Reach Verified Closure

Infection Shield launches an anonymized audit-to-action review & free verification card connecting findings, owners, deadlines, rechecks & leadership oversight.

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Consulting today announced an Ontario long-term-care audit-to-action initiative designed to help leadership teams test a practical question: when an infection prevention and control audit identifies a gap, can the home show how that finding was assigned, corrected, rechecked and reported to leadership?

The initiative combines a voluntary, confidential review of de-identified audit records with a one-page Audit-to-Action Verification Card. The card prompts homes to connect each selected finding to the evidence reviewed, risk priority, responsible owner, due date, corrective action, validation step, escalation route and governance review. It is intended as an operational aid, not a replacement for legal advice, regulatory requirements or Public Health Ontario tools.



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Ontario Regulation 246/22 assigns the long-term-care home IPAC lead responsibility for auditing

IPAC practices and implementing improvements required by audits. The regulation also requires the home's IPAC program to be evaluated and updated at least annually, with a written record of each evaluation, and requires the interdisciplinary IPAC team to meet at least quarterly. These requirements make the path from finding to verified follow-through a leadership issue as well as an IPAC task.

Public Health Ontario's long-term-care resources include an IPAC checklist and, as of April 2026, an organizational risk-assessment resource and recording template. PHO's PPE auditing materials also describe audit implementation as a way to identify gaps or barriers and support improvement. Infection Shield recommends that homes continue using the authoritative tools and requirements that apply to them, while checking that local records make decisions and follow-up visible.

"An audit is useful only when leaders can trace a finding through ownership, action and recheck," said Kamyab Ghatan, M.D, AL-CIP™, CIC®, LTC-CIP®, President of Infection Shield Consulting. "A signed checklist may show that an observation occurred. It does not, by itself, show that the underlying risk was corrected and stayed corrected."

Ontario homes may request the Verification Card and a confidential scoping conversation. Organizations that choose to contribute records to the anonymized review will receive participation and data-handling terms before sharing information. No resident information is requested, no home will be identified without written permission, and no records should be sent until those terms are approved. UNCERTAIN — needs Kam review: confirm the final privacy protocol, record-transfer method and deliverable before publication.

If a sufficient number of comparable records is received, Infection Shield intends to publish aggregate observations with the review period, inclusion criteria, sample size and method. This announcement makes no claim about the prevalence of any gap and reports no client results.

Homes seeking broader support may request an independent LTC IPAC assessment, an action register, leadership reporting design, implementation coaching or validation re-audits. To request the free card or discuss a confidential review, visit the campaign page or contact info@infectionshield.ca.

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