FEDERAL FRAMEWORK ON LYME DISEASE:

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2017-2018

The Government of Canada's areas of focus include: (1) surveillance; (2) education and awareness; and (3) guidelines and best practices. We are working with stakeholders and partners, including those with lived experience, to better prevent and respond to Lyme disease in Canada.



Published 2009-2015 surveillance data analysis for cases reported in Canada



New Canadian risk area maps



Approx 18,500 laboratory tick tests



Enhanced surveillance & tick collection with provincial, territorial & other partners, adding New Brunswick



Launched Request for Application to establish a pan-Canadian Lyme disease Research Network



Studying childhood Lyme disease with Canadian Pediatric Society



Public health officers deployed across Canada



Travelling museum exhibit on climate change



Scouts Canada Jamboree partnership helped raise awareness with more than 1000 participants



Education and Awareness products were informed by feedback from patient groups, health professionals and Provincial and Territorial public health officials



2017 Education and Awareness Campaign:

- Two new videos, with over 20k views
- Updated posters and handouts, shipped to 25 Parks Canada locations
- More than 150K web page visits, a 30.5% increase
- Nearly 100 posts on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube



Facilitated public engagement discussions to inform the implementation of the Federal Framework



Nearly \$1.5 million of Infectious Disease and Climate Change Funding for stakeholder-led projects on Lyme disease will address impacts on human health, and improve evidence base, education & awareness

For more information, please visit Canada.ca/LymeDisease





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UPCOMING IN 2018-2019

While the Public Health Agency of Canada has made progress since the publication of the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease, there is still more to do to address the range of issues related to Lyme disease. Here are some of the upcoming activities and initiatives to support the Framework.



Publish national data for Lyme disease cases reported in 2017



Support innovative methods to enhance surveillance in Canada and include other tickborne diseases



Develop methodology to analyze the costs associated with Lyme disease in Canada



Establish a pan-Canadian Lyme Disease Research Network



Sharing of best practices on Lyme disease



Develop approaches to collect information on individuals who do not meet the case definition in Canada



Launch the 2018 public education and awareness campaign



Publish new childfriendly Lyme disease awareness products



Create interactive travelling exhibit on ticks and tick-borne illnesses



Foster partnerships in new areas such as retail and other industries



Launch innovative tools to better engage Canadians



Explore new and innovative diagnostic testing methods

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