



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal health for all in Renfrew County and District"

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Dear Chief Administrative Officer and Council Members,

Municipalities are making decisions related to cannabis retail and policies, due to the legalization of cannabis on October 17, 2018. Renfrew County and District Health Unit will provide evidence-informed information to support municipalities in making cannabis policy decisions that promote and protect the health of its residents.

Cannabis resources are available online at <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/alcohol-and-other-drugs/>, which include:

- Cannabis Question & Answer Fact Sheet;
- Cannabis Fact Sheet, Cannabis Infographics and posters;
- Municipality Considerations Document.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit can assist with facilitating community information sessions for residents to make informed decisions about reducing harms associated with cannabis use.

As well, Public Health Inspectors can provide information on the Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA) legislation, to identify where cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped. Public Health Inspectors are responsible to enforce this provincial legislation. Please note that the enforcement of local municipal by-laws is the responsibility of the municipality, as this falls outside the mandate of the health unit.

Additional resources can be provided upon request or they can be accessed on the health unit website at www.rcdhu.com. For more information, please contact Elizabeth McLaren at 613-735-8654, Ext. 517.

Sincerely,

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