

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Protecting the Health of Canadians: Recognizing the Vital Role of Environmental Public Health Professionals**

VANCOUVER, BC – The Canadian Institute of Public Health inspectors would like to invite all Canadians to celebrate **Environmental Public Health Week (EPHW)** from January 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. EPHW includes several events and opportunities to learn more about and recognize the work of environmental public health professionals and the importance of environmental public health in protecting the well-being of Canadians.

“In the battle to prevent disease, public health inspectors and environmental health officers are the frontline troops. Through their dedication to excellence these public service professionals protect and enhance the lives of all Canadians and their environment,” says Claudia Kurzac, National President of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

Public Health Inspectors and Environmental Health Officers are highly trained and nationally certified professionals who work to protect the health of Canadians in the areas of:

Food Safety	Infection Control and Communicable Disease Control
Drinking Water Quality	Disease Control
Recreational Water Quality	Personal Services Facilities
Childcare and Institutional Facilities	Rental Housing Conditions
Air Quality	Land Use Management
Outbreak Management	Injury Prevention

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