

Health Unit Media Release

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January 19-25 is Environmental Public Health Week

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) is proud to announce the celebration of “**Environmental Public Health Week 2009**”

The task of the Public Health Inspector is to proactively protect the health of the public from disease and injury. It is a duty that sometimes goes unnoticed unless a crisis (e.g. SARS, Walkerton, a food recall or an outbreak) arises which brings attention to the work of these health professionals.

That’s what **Environmental Public Health Week** is all about. It is an opportunity for Public Health Inspectors to showcase their roles and responsibilities. The 2009 edition of Environmental Public Health Week is set for January 19-24, 2009. The theme for this year’s event is “The State of the Profession”.

The theme this year allows Public Health Inspectors to demonstrate the benefits that this profession provides not only to the health of families and communities all across Canada, but also as a personal career choice.

The basic cornerstone of a healthy population is the protection of the public from environmental hazards that affect their daily lives. Public Health Inspectors throughout Canada provide *Health Protection* services in such essential areas as:

- Food Safety
- Rabies Control
- Drinking Water Quality
- Health Hazard Investigation
- Community Sanitation
- Emergency Response
- Recreational Water Quality & Safety
- Outbreak Management
- Personal Services Facilities
- Disease & Injury Prevention
- Childcare & Institutional Facilities
- Onsite Sewage Disposal Assessments
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Control of Vector-Borne Diseases

To learn more about the profession, the organization or career opportunities in the Environmental Public Health field, contact your local health inspection office or visit http://www.healthunit.org/jobs/careers/phi_career.htm or CIPHI’s website at: www.ciphi.ca.

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