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New educational program “The Biology, Control and Prevention of Waterborne Diseases” at the Museum of Health Care

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – Beginning this fall youth can learn about the importance of clean drinking water and the diseases associated with contaminated water supplies at the Museum of Health Care. “The Biology, Control and Prevention of Waterborne Diseases” is a new education program available for booking as of Fall 2012 to teachers and other groups (The three-hour program is curriculum-linked for grades seven and eight.)

According to Jenny Stepa, Museum Manager and Program Director, the program will teach participants about global issues relating to water pathogens, and learn simple and creative ways to purify water.

“Participants will examine water samples and create purification system, and they will even benefit from a tour of the King Street Water Treatment Plant. The program provides a fun, educational experience that will hopefully encourage students to reevaluate the importance of clean water,” says Stepa. “And by combining historical presentations, hands-on activity stations, and guided tours, students will explore why controlling outbreaks and providing clean drinking water to people around the world is an important task,” she adds. “The program aims to illustrate how waterborne diseases are transmitted, the conditions that contribute to their spread, and the importance of developments in science and public health for their control and prevention.”

The Museum of Health Care offers education programs throughout the year and accepts school and other group visits by appointment.

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Background

To help Canadians better understand the history of health and health care, the Museum preserves and promotes the rich material legacy of Canada's medical and health care past. The Museum serves the general public, practitioners, students, and historians through [exhibitions](#), [interpretive programs](#), and [special events](#) throughout the year.

The Museum of Health Care's 2012-2013 Education Programs Brochures is available at <http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca/visit/activities-and-programs/visit-the-museum.html>