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We are delighted to present the **first issue of our EconoIPC newsletter**.

This is where we will present various research projects and publications of the **Canada Research Chair Tier 2 in the Economics of Infection Prevention and Control (EconoIPC)**.

# Launch of the EconoIPC Research Chair

On Thursday, December 7, 2023, the Canada Research Chair in the Economics of Infection Prevention and Control (EconoIPC) was launched by Professor Eric Tchouaket at the University of Québec in Outaouais (UQO) at the Saint-Jérôme Campus.



Eric Tchouaket, Professor of the Canada Research Chair in the Economics of IPC in the Department of Nursing at the Saint-Jérôme Campus of UQO, presented the social context of the Research Chair, its objectives, the work and studies that are in progress or are completed, and the upcoming planned knowledge-sharing activities.

The goal of this Research Chair is to conduct studies to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of IPC measures in healthcare and residential living environments. The results will be used to develop innovative strategies to convince decision-makers to invest more human, material, technological, and financial resources in IPC in healthcare establishments.

Expert panelists in IPC from Québec (Canada) were present to discuss their IPC experience. Topics included how to maintain interest in IPC measures among staff, managers, and government both during but also after periods of crisis such as pandemics, epidemics, and outbreaks, what IPC teams need to do to maintain this interest, and how the Research Chair can help these teams in their day-to-day work and in the future.

## IPC News

### Monkeypox (mpox)

On August 14, 2024, the Director-General of the World Health Organization declared a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" regarding the resurgence and increasing number of cases of simian smallpox in African countries. Here are the federal and provincial government links for updates:

**PHAC**

**MSSS INSPQ** (in French only)

### COVID-19 cases

During the week of August 18, 2024, the media reported an upsurge in COVID-19 cases. The Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ) published a scientific opinion on the recommendations issued by the Québec Immunization Committee (CIQ). (in French only) to be implemented in the Fall 2024 vaccination campaign.

## Publications

Publications related to the EconoIPC Research Chair can be found on the "Publications" page of our website [econopci.ca](http://econopci.ca).