Answering the Wake-up Call: CMA’s Public Health Action Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The public health system in Canada is a collective of community values, beliefs, and principles, public policy, public engagement, and public action on a range of factors that impact health and well-being.

CMA recommends that the government:

1. Establish a national public health agency and develop a national public health strategy.
2. Increase funding for public health programs and initiatives.
3. Improve data collection and reporting.
4. Enhance public health education and awareness.
5. Support research and innovation in public health.

The CMA submits this policy to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health for consideration.