



Dr. Eileen de Villa is the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, leading the largest local public health agency in Canada, which provides public health programs and services to the city's nearly 3 million residents. Prior to joining Toronto Public Health, Dr. de Villa served as the Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, serving 1.4 million residents.

Dr. de Villa received her Doctor of Medicine and Master of Health Science (MHSc) degree in Health Promotion from the University of Toronto. Additionally, she holds a Master of Business Administration from the Schulich School of Business at York University. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto.

Dr. de Villa has actively contributed to various fields of scientific research by authoring, publishing, and presenting studies on a variety of subjects. Her research encompasses critical areas such as public health considerations in city planning and emergency preparedness, control of communicable and infectious diseases, and the development of public health policies.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership, Dr. de Villa has received several notable awards. She has received Faculty Educator awards from the University of Toronto – Public Health and Preventative Medicine Residency Program, the Naimark Award, from the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement, the Distinguished Leader Award from the McGill Toronto Excellence Awards, and the Communicator of the Year by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC, Toronto Chapter). Most recently, she was honored with the "Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World" Award by the Foundation for Filipina Women's Network.

In her capacity as the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. de Villa has been at the forefront of public health efforts in Toronto, including guiding the largest immunization campaign in Toronto's history. Advising political leaders on municipal government measures aimed at curbing the transmission of COVID-19.

Dr. de Villa's unwavering dedication to guiding Toronto through the pandemic has been evident in her tireless efforts to equip residents with the necessary tools and information to safeguard themselves and their communities. Dr. de Villa maintains a pivotal advisory role in the City and Province's ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery, remaining vigilant on data trends and providing updates to the public regularly.