



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: August 18, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – August 13, 2023

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include Annual Services Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Health Plans, Health Check-Ups!, program and other reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, compliance audits, inspections and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 13, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/yccfcbh3

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2023-24 School Year (Aug 3)

tinyurl.com/yyadmm9t

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 3)

tinyurl.com/3xen3dn5

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 11)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/3ay3zxn

- Canada powers towards more clean, affordable, and reliable electricity with draft regulations (Aug 10)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/3mfbfnp

- Government of Canada Confirms 2 Billion Trees Program is Exceeding Planting Goals, Announces New Agreements to Plant 56 Million Additional Trees (Aug 2)

tinyurl.com/y3xu98s4

- Government of Canada Releases Vision to Build a Clean, Affordable and Reliable Electricity System to Power Canada Forward (Aug 8)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/5n8x3etk

- Scientists from the Public Health Agency of Canada make a major breakthrough on HIV genetic research (Aug 2)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Education

tinyurl.com/mukhjmt4

- Ontario Delivering on Back to Basics Commitment to Parents (Jul 30)

Ministry of Finance

tinyurl.com/yc3j6j83

- Provinces Seizes Over One Million Cigarettes and 15,620 Cigars in Tobacco Enforcement Operations (Aug 8)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/2p959kxh

- Ontario Expanding Access to Midwifery Services (Aug 10)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/mt2cac39

- Vaccine Expansion Letter (Aug 8)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/mr3ee97j

- The Canadian Cancer Society applauds the adoption of a new regulation governing vaping products in Quebec (Aug 2)

Canadian Climate Institute

tinyurl.com/2dmtrjpw

- Clean Electricity Regulations are crucial to attract investment, make energy more affordable and fight climate change (Aug 10)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/mrxdkrup

- CIHI releases inaugural report exploring priority health care topics in Canada (Aug 2)

Electricity Canada

tinyurl.com/bdhut7v6

- The Clean Electricity Strategy will help Canada build a clean, reliable and affordable grid (Aug 8)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/5yk6963c

- FAO releases 2022-23 Annual Report (Jul 31)

tinyurl.com/bdzxvmrx

- FAO releases expenditure monitor 2022-23: Q4 report (Aug 2)

Health Products Stewardship Association

tinyurl.com/mtdyucnv

- Major need for Canadian families to improve safe handling and disposal of medications at home (Aug 8)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/munw24e8

- Seven out of 10 people protected by at least one tobacco control measure (Jul 31)

tinyurl.com/5pkxbf7a

- Joint statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell and WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week (Aug 1)

tinyurl.com/2ev3vay6

- Standing recommendations for COVID-19 issued by the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) in accordance with the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) (Aug 9)