



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** September 8, 2023

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – September 4, 2023

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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 program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**September 4, 2023**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/37jyzn57](https://tinyurl.com/37jyzn57)**

- Rabies: Bat Exposure and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Aug 15)

**[tinyurl.com/bdjd95s](https://tinyurl.com/bdjd95s)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 18)

**[tinyurl.com/98ye9k2u](https://tinyurl.com/98ye9k2u)**

- Prioritize connections to improve your health (Aug 21)

**[tinyurl.com/mrxy6ba9](https://tinyurl.com/mrxy6ba9)**

- 2022 Health Check-Up! (Aug 21)

**[tinyurl.com/eff5p8bu](https://tinyurl.com/eff5p8bu)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 24)

**[tinyurl.com/msde8v23](https://tinyurl.com/msde8v23)**

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Uxbridge (Aug 25)

**[tinyurl.com/bdhs6rxm](https://tinyurl.com/bdhs6rxm)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report – Final report for 2023 season (Aug 31)

**[tinyurl.com/yszedx2b](https://tinyurl.com/yszedx2b)**

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Durham (Sep 1)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/56xncfvb](https://tinyurl.com/56xncfvb)**

- Government of Canada invests in over 4,700 researchers across Canada (Aug 29)

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

**Ministry of Education**

**[tinyurl.com/phezve43](https://tinyurl.com/phezve43)**

- Ontario Preparing Students for Success (Aug 28)

**Ministry of Finance**

**[tinyurl.com/2p959khx](https://tinyurl.com/2p959khx)**

- Ontario Releases 2023-24 First Quarter Finances (Aug 14)

**Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/4kdbw7s](https://tinyurl.com/4kdbw7s)**

- Ontario Investing in a Stronger Public Health Sector (Aug 23)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/bddxjbh9](https://tinyurl.com/bddxjbh9)

- Public Health Funding Announcement Letter (Aug 23)

### **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/yeubcpjw](https://tinyurl.com/yeubcpjw)

- Province Announces Changes to Development Charges Act, Improvements to Public Health Funding, at AMO Conference (Aug 22)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/36frxuyr](https://tinyurl.com/36frxuyr)

- Government of Canada announces funding to improve health care for women and gender-diverse people (Aug 24)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/4hejzdrz](https://tinyurl.com/4hejzdrz)

- Satisfaction with the health system at a low point; hope that improvements with happen soon also wavering (Aug 17)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/ykrm7ddh](https://tinyurl.com/ykrm7ddh)

- Back-to-School: Helping kids learn about privacy with IPC's new lesson plans (Aug 15)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

[tinyurl.com/4am9pvh2](https://tinyurl.com/4am9pvh2)

- PMPRB report reveals most new medicines come to market with high treatment costs (Aug 22)

### **Public Health Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/bdhfam9e](https://tinyurl.com/bdhfam9e)

- PHO Connections (Aug 15)