



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 27, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 22, 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 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,

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 22, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/4h326kum

- COVID-19 Antiviral Prescribing (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/4xtf2thu

- Durham Region Respiratory Viral Illness Data Tracker (Oct 18)

tinyurl.com/5c97bxuw

- *Echinococcus multilocularis* in Durham Region (Oct 20)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/2396pfu4

- Expert Panel conducting the legislative review of the Cannabis Act publishes its What We Heard Report (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/5b3r6pt2

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Mental Health Day (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/y53p8n8f

- FPT Communique: Federal, Provincial, Territorial Health Ministers' and Ministers Responsible for Mental Health and Addiction (Oct 12)

Infrastructure Canada

tinyurl.com/84cc6bk4

- Durham Region gets Federal Funding for Active Transportation (Oct 12)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/25c28m99

- Statement from the Minister of Health and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food in Response to the Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Antimicrobial Resistance (Oct 19)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/3mav6wfm

- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services in Central Ontario (Oct 10)

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

tinyurl.com/2p8maw34

- Ontario Strengthening Occupational Illness Protections (Oct 10)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/5v9zwzde

- Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Residents to More In-Home Diagnostic Services (Oct 17)

Ministry of Red Tape Reduction

tinyurl.com/abyxr7jm

- Ontario Continuing to Reduce Red Tape to Help People and Businesses Thrive (Oct 19)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Arthritis Research Canada

tinyurl.com/2u59wvbk

- Risk of Severe COVID Outcomes Higher in People Taking Some Medications That Affect Their Immune Systems (Oct 13)

Canadian Association of Radiology

tinyurl.com/5n77uppt

- Newly Released Public Opinion Poll States: Canadians Want the Federal Government to Take an Active Role in Reducing Wait Times for Medical Imaging (Oct 19)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/2e6mc39r

- Pandemic sees hospital staffing challenges grow and rates of unintentional harm increase (Oct 19)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/4a656a87

- Government of Canada and partners invest more than \$26 million to advance integrated health care in Canada (Oct 20)

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association

tinyurl.com/msthy37z

- CLHIA responds to Parliamentary Budget Office's cost estimate of a single-payer universal drug plan (Oct 12)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/5n73azd4

- Access to health care must be ministers' top priority: health organizations (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/mrysfdxv

- CMA welcomes health ministers' commitment to improving health care (Oct 13)

Healthcare Excellence Canada

tinyurl.com/yrhnf3bm

- New hospital harm data highlight urgency of improving patient safety (Oct 20)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/2cpaefw

- Staggering increase in opioid-related deaths among people experiencing homelessness, new study finds (Oct 17)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/mrys272z

- Gaps remain in Canadian surveillance data and access to antimicrobial drugs (Oct 19)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/yzvde8ta

- OPG's Small Modular Reactors will generate jobs and lasting economic benefits for Ontario (Oct 20)

Parachute

tinyurl.com/26yxnezc

- 2023 National Teen Driver Safety Week focuses on empowering youth to improve road safety (Oct 10)