



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 24, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 19, 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
November 19, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mt5kyef9

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Through Financial Empowerment #2 (Nov 6)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/2z9cprpp

- Government of Canada's response to the reports tabled by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Nov 7)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/mpubk9fh

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Pain Awareness Week (Nov 6)

tinyurl.com/3sb8u47u

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on Digital Health Week November 13-19, 2023 (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/43sxewhs

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on National Nurse Practitioner Week November 12-18, 2023 (Nov 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8z3j7a>

- Government of Canada Supports Non-profit Organization to Advance Grief Literacy (Nov 16)

tinyurl.com/5n7t5ftn

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Nov 18)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/mrxavxbs

- Message from the Minister of Health – Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/3fzfrhby

- Government of Canada Announces Kids Help Phone 9-8-8 Network Partner (Nov 17)

tinyurl.com/mw4u5jak

- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to Malichita brand cantaloupes (Nov 17)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/yhxu2z6x

- Seventh Meeting of the North American Drug Dialogue (Nov 14)

Statistics Canada

tinyurl.com/2s3zc85p

- Canadian Statistics Advisory Council Report – The Way Forward: Addressing Challenges Facing the National Statistical System (Nov 9)

tinyurl.com/3z3wv4nz

- Statement on the release of the Canadian Statistics Advisory Council’s annual report (Nov 9)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

tinyurl.com/584bzzte

- Minister Anand tables 2022-23 Departmental Results Report (Nov 9)

Women and Gender Equality Canada

tinyurl.com/5n85tnud

- The Governments of Canada and Ontario sign bilateral agreement to end gender-based violence (Nov 15)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/45dvdwsp

- Ontario Receives Report to Support Financial Sustainability of Postsecondary Education System (Nov 15)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/z4ceahex

- Ontario Expanding Role of Registered Nurses to Prescribe and Administer More Medications (Nov 6)

tinyurl.com/25js8sj4

- Ontario Connecting Northern and Rural Communities to Critical Care (Nov 7)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Vaccine Alliance

tinyurl.com/tuu79kf6

- Canada’s Adult Vaccine Alliance Officially Launches to Champion Improved Access to Vaccines (Nov 7)

Canada's Premiers

tinyurl.com/bdeauafm

- Premier's hold health summit (Nov 6)

tinyurl.com/bdej3m7n

- Premiers focus on affordability, housing, strategic infrastructure, and health (Nov 6)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/2u8ferzd

- New Canadian Cancer Statistics report reveals lung cancer death rates are declining faster than any other cancer type in Canada (Nov 8)

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

tinyurl.com/3ba3khny

- Free Webinar Series on Mental Health in the Workplace (Nov 14)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/4z7ak5tw

- Health spending in Canada sees modest growth for second consecutive year (Nov 2)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/y42b9kfe

- Government of Canada invests more than \$4.7M in health researchers who will tackle high-priority challenges in our health systems (Nov 7)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/3jvx4few

- Canadians need to see health system solutions now: CMA (Nov 6)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/337ujhrf

- Diabetes Awareness Month highlights importance of eye care for vision loss prevention: Canadian Ophthalmological Society (Nov 7)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/pzvu2znb

- New research highlights stroke care disparities in vulnerable communities (Nov 1)

tinyurl.com/y7tyd94e

- Charting a new approach to improving kidney transplant access (Nov 3)

OECD

tinyurl.com/58rcv6ku

- Digitalisation of health systems can significantly improve performance and outcomes (Nov 7)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/56y7pcar

- Federal government not on track to meet 2030 emission reduction target under new act (Nov 7)

Patient Ombudsman

tinyurl.com/52cdrxvy

- Patient Ombudsman's 2022/23 annual report highlights the growing number of Ontarians who have nowhere to turn with their health care concerns (Nov 15)

Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada

tinyurl.com/ycx6csjc

- Health Canada makes it legal for flavoured nicotine products from Imperial Tobacco to be sold to children (Nov 14)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/bdfhzzwb

- Gov't answers RNAO's call to expand RN scope of practice to prescribe medications (Nov 6)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5xkza262

- Tuberculosis response recovering from pandemic but accelerated efforts needed to meet new targets (Nov 7)

tinyurl.com/45ck7uua

- WHO unveils framework for climate resilient and low carbon health systems (Nov 9)

tinyurl.com/hkr2nky9

- Lancet Countdown report calls for climate-driven health action (Nov 15)

tinyurl.com/2mp6cxey

- New WHO campaign highlights tobacco industry tactics to influence public health policies (Nov 16)

tinyurl.com/mrx5t9u6

- Global partners cheer progress towards eliminating cervical cancer and underlying challenges (Nov 17)