



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: December 8, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – December 3, 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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for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 3, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/4nybtp4

- Increased Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease (iGAS) in Ontario (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/3t5sr2cc

- World AIDS Day – December 1st, 2023 “Let Communities Lead” (Dec 1)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/y7e655k5

- Government of Canada releases *2023 Fall Economic Statement* (Nov 21)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/34hf2253

- Minister Guilbeault leads the Canadian delegation to the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 28) to push for ambitious climate action (Nov 27)

tinyurl.com/2s3ax4ty

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents the winter seasonal outlook (Dec 1)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/mrhxw8zv

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/4kj3czdk

- Joint statement from the Minister of Health, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Indigenous Services on COP 23 (Dec 3)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/3ayv3k97

- National Child Day – Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/yzyu9xz4

- Statement from the Ministers of Health and Agriculture and Agri-Food on World AMR Awareness Week, November 18 to 24, 2023 (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/47985chs

- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to Malichita brand cantaloupes (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/nhfu6vu5

- Government of Canada to support projects aimed at helping prevent and decrease substance use-related harms among young people (Nov 28)

tinyurl.com/ftxn5yey

- Government of Canada launches three-digit suicide crisis helpline (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/njkt6fuv

- Statement from the Minister of Health, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health, and the Minister of Indigenous Services on World AIDS Day and Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week (Dec 1)

tinyurl.com/2n5937yk

- Statement on behalf of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (Dec 1)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of the Attorney General

tinyurl.com/y346s94k

- Ontario Introducing Legislation to Support Victims of Crime and Enhance Community Safety (Nov 30)

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/4fpjjma4

- Ontario Expanding Rapid Training Programs (Nov 23)

Ministry of Energy

tinyurl.com/mrysxatr

- Ontario Supporting Saskatchewan's First Small Modular Reactor (Nov 20)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/mtmb56y7

- Ontario Helping More Students Become Nurse Practitioners (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/2ndftbnf

- Ontario Recruiting More Personal Support Workers in Long-Term Care and Home Care (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/bdf52c9r

- Accelerating Ontario Health Teams to deliver better care (Nov 28)

tinyurl.com/42j8w8t5

- Ontario Connecting Children and Youth in the Greater Toronto Area to Care Closer to Home (Nov 30)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/4rc8c6yh

- Voluntary mergers letter (Dec 1)

tinyurl.com/458b37mz

- Nicotine products letter (Dec 1)

Canadian Association of Physician Assistants

tinyurl.com/53yfbz99e

- New Conference Board of Canada Report Highlights PAs as a Key Solution to Canada's Health Workforce Crisis (Nov 21)

Canadian Blood Services

tinyurl.com/msftbz99

- Historic change opens the door for more blood and plasma donors: human variant of 'mad cow' eligibility rule gone for good (Nov 23)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/2uk4txcj

- Canadian Cancer Society supports annual cost recovery fee on tobacco companies (Nov 21)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/4da5pkfx

- Statement – Federal leadership on health, housing crises welcomed: CMA (Nov 21)

Electrical Safety Authority

tinyurl.com/2s47x437

- Electrical Safety Authority share tips for staying safe this holiday season (Nov 22)

Feed Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/4u6f6urm>

- Hunger Report 2023 (Nov 27)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4s4xryes

- FAO releases report estimating budget impacts of climate hazards to public infrastructure in Ontario (Nov 22)

Global Tobacco Control Progress Hub

tinyurl.com/2czv9e8x

- Global Tobacco Control Efforts Have Slowed (Nov 22)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/59jjpb4c

- Heart & Stroke Applauds Draft Legislation to Recoup Cost of Smoking (Nov 21)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/y7tyd94e

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

The International Alliance for Responsible Drinking

tinyurl.com/2p8wcmu7

- Organizations across the globe united in further accelerating reductions in the harmful use of alcohol (Nov 29)

Office of the Federal Housing Advocate

tinyurl.com/4sex967f

- Put people first to solve the housing crisis (Nov 22)

Ontario Lung Association

tinyurl.com/2p85bfv6

- Lung Health Foundation Urges Canadians to Vaccinate Against Four Common Respiratory Illnesses (Nov 22)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/57fhen24

- OPG selects suppliers for first fuel contracts for its Small Modular Reactors (Nov 29)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/y32jm7r7

- PHO Connections (Nov 21)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/32hw72j3

- WHO issues new and updated recommendations on treatment of mental, neurological and substance use conditions (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/pyua2ebx

- WHO statement on reported clusters of respiratory illness in children in northern China (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/2hdzh73c

- Health needs to be front and centre of national plans to fight climate change (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/2j4pkwxw

- Upsurge of respiratory illness among children – Northern China (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/2syhe5wd

- Global health community calls for urgent action on climate and health at COP28 (Nov 27)

tinyurl.com/mps85yvm

- WHO celebrates the role of communities in driving progress towards ending AIDS (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/5syskwc8

- WHO's annual malaria report spotlights the growing threat of climate change (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/mrpfvdst

- 41 funders, partners endorse new guiding principles for financing climate and health solutions to protect health (Dec 2)

tinyurl.com/bdepw7yd

- Over 40 million health professionals from across the world demand bold health and climate action at COP28 (Dec 2)