



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: January 26, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – January 21, 2024

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
January 21, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/563r4ujv

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2023-2024 School Year (Jan 15)

tinyurl.com/mrybamfn

- What's Up Doc? Vol 16 No 4 (Jan 19)

tinyurl.com/mrxyr5hk

- Health Department celebrates National Non-Smoking Week, January 21 to 27 (Jan 19)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

tinyurl.com/2hyvahf4

- Minister MacAulay announces nearly \$10 million in funding to strengthen local food security (Jan 17)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/29wrs36e

- Various parfait and yogurt bowls recalled due to Salmonella (Jan 13)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/yeynhj5p

- Government helping 6600 internationally educated healthcare professionals work in Canada (Jan 15)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/w95tnjh5

- Eligible Canadian residents to receive their first pollution pricing rebate of the year (Jan 12)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/48dh33t3

- Statement from Health Canada on FDA decision on Florida bulk drug importation plan (Jan 8)

tinyurl.com/yc3x27dn

- Health Canada releases new data on cannabis use in Canada (Jan 12)

tinyurl.com/4pz29cz7

- Readout from Minister of Health's discussion with U.S. Officials on Bulk Importation of Drugs (Jan 16)

Infrastructure Canada

tinyurl.com/69jes5b2

- Federal government announces fund for climate resilience research to strengthen infrastructure (Jan 17)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/mu52rkjx

- Statement from Minister Champagne, Minister Holland and Minister LeBlanc on new measures to protect Canadian research (Jan 16)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Energy

tinyurl.com/f85utaxh

- Ontario Welcomes Report on Electrification and Energy Future (Jan 19)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/33sb83wu

- Ontario Taking Next Steps in Plan to Further Reduce Wait Times for Surgeries and Diagnostic Procedures (Jan 17)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/4bn7yzdx

- Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Residents with Specialized Care (Jan 8)

tinyurl.com/nnmcjz4d

- Ontario Launching New Long-Term Care Home Investigations Unit (Jan 15)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/3z7kfdab

- 2023 Pre-Budget Submission and Deputation (Jan 18)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

tinyurl.com/3vytb36z

- Access to Health Services Letter (Jan 15)

Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health

tinyurl.com/5jume489

- Canadians give governments an 'F' in meeting their mental health and substance use health needs: CAMIMH Poll (Jan 18)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/y64ynbwy

- January 21 to 27, 2024 is National Non-Smoking Week in Canada (Jan 17)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ym9bs66k

- Patients, providers suffer as ER are overwhelmed yet again: CMA (Jan 11)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/39ucnm5b

- Independent Commission authorizes Canadian Nuclear Laboratories to construct a near surface disposal facility (Jan 9)

Home Care Ontario

tinyurl.com/2p9tptnx

- Patient care at risk – Home care sector Issues Warning over Growing System Pressures (Jan 16)

Ontario Brain Institute

tinyurl.com/bddzjen4

- \$65M for the Ontario Brain Institute to Accelerate Solutions that Improve Brain Health (Jan 18)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/29f5sx9a

- Tobacco use declines despite tobacco industry efforts to jeopardize progress (Jan 16)