



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: February 9, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – February 4, 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
February 4, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mrxyr5hk

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

tinyurl.com/4kwukhvv

- Start 2024 with a resolution for better health during National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/ycxr3774

- More than 400,000 Canadian seniors have been approved for dental care under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Jan 31)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/bdfc9hmz

- Government of Canada launches public engagement on the 2025 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target (Feb 2)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/4pz29cz7

- Government of Canada funding research on the health risks of microplastics (Jan 22)

tinyurl.com/mtz9y4x6

- Statement from the Ministers of Health and Mental Health & Addictions on National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 22)

tinyurl.com/55xpba4t

- Message from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Black History Month (Feb 1)

tinyurl.com/mtnacejp

- The Government of Canada introduces legislation to delay Medical Assistance in Dying expansion by 3 years (Feb 1)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/2kmr3cea

- Government of Canada supports community-based projects addressing HIV, Hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (Jan 23)

tinyurl.com/2s3s83ek

- Message from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Bell Let's Talk Day (Jan 24)

tinyurl.com/msasythb

- Government of Canada invests in projects to reduce risks of dementia and to support people living with dementia and caregivers (Jan 25)

tinyurl.com/2hr9bcyr

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Sport and Physical Activity – Heart Month, February 2024 (Feb 1)

tinyurl.com/bddp8cn7

- Messenger from the Minister of Health – World Cancer Day (Feb 4)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/4kh6nr44

- Government of Canada launches targeted engagement on advancing a civilian response capacity in Canada (Feb 1)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Energy

tinyurl.com/4z8uam2u

- Ontario Supporting Plan to Refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (Jan 30)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/bder6pwy

- Ontario Connecting Children and Youth to Mental Health Care Close to Home (Jan 24)

tinyurl.com/mr2xh65j

- Ontario Health Teams Now Providing Care In Every Corner of the Province (Jan 26)

tinyurl.com/k8ryumns

- Ontario Connecting Over 300,000 People to Primary Care Teams (Feb 1)

tinyurl.com/4a4ar447

- Dr. Catherine Zahn is Being Appointed the New Chair of Ontario Health (Feb 1)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/48hjvwce

- Ontario Creating Three New Specialized Units for People with Dementia and Other Complex Needs (Jan 29)

tinyurl.com/3vcsb3y3

- Ontario Training Thousands of New Long-Term Care Staff (Jan 31)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Arthritis Research Canada

tinyurl.com/jm4jnbxb

- New Study Finds People With Inflammatory Arthritis Are More Likely To Seek Mental Health Care (Jan 24)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

tinyurl.com/56zr2ncu

- A new provincial-municipal partnership is needed in every part of Ontario (Jan 26)

Bell Canada

tinyurl.com/yc6hswfb

- It's Bell's Let's Talk Day! Bell Let's Talk highlights Canadian mental health organizations and encourages everyone to take meaningful action to create real change for mental health (Jan 24)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/y73z44dy

- New Canadian Cancer Society survey reveals the financial cost of cancer is one many in Canada cannot afford (Feb 4)

Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health

tinyurl.com/23sfjzep

- First Clinical Guidelines to Address Anxiety in Older Adults Developed by the Canadian Coalition for Senior's Mental Health (Jan 25)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/44s3k43z

- 13 research teams receive \$8.7M from the Government of Canada and partners to study age-related cognitive impairment (Jan 29)

tinyurl.com/4zf4w8pf

- Government of Canada announces appointments to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Governing Council (Jan 31)

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

tinyurl.com/3vhdknj4

- Partnership-funded initiative has increased access to smoking cessation support for people with cancer (Jan 24)

tinyurl.com/35s56txa

- World Cancer Day 2024: A message from CEO Dr. Craig Earle (Feb 2)

CANImmunize

tinyurl.com/4cp833sv

- CANImmunize Partners With Medimap to Improve Healthcare Access for Canadians (Jan 31)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

tinyurl.com/mvkmv37x

- The Mental Health Commission of Canada and Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences launch a national demonstration project to advance schizophrenia treatment and care delivery in Canada (Jan 23)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/2fc3da82

- PHO Connections (Jan 23)

Public Policy Forum

tinyurl.com/382y4ysc

- From fax machines to smartwatches: New report calls for urgent modernization of Canada's antiquated health care data infrastructure (Jan 30)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association

tinyurl.com/yjwhdkyr

- ROMA report urges provincial action to bring rural health care services closer to home (Jan 23)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/ysc2w82j

- WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the 154th session of the Executive Board (Jan 22)

tinyurl.com/39b7974w

- Global cancer burden growing, amidst mounting need for services (Feb 1)