



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: March 22, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – March 17, 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
March 17, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/yaxcrbyw

- Small steps to eating healthy when managing food costs (Mar 5)

tinyurl.com/2p8bn8ve

- Health Department stresses the importance of eye examinations for school-aged children (Mar 14)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canada Revenue Agency

tinyurl.com/5n7jb4rk

- The Government of Canada is helping lower-income individuals more easily access the benefit and credit payments they are entitled to (Mar 4)

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/yc3ds5kt

- Supporting Canadian businesses with alcohol excise duty relief (Mar 9)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/5y752fet

- More than 1 million seniors approved for the Canadian Dental Care Plan to date (Mar 6)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/49xtvf89

- Canada and Ontario commit to significant collaboration on shared nature conservation goals (Mar 11)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/p4sj6mz7

- Improving the working lives of nurses across Canada (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/2rmndwwp

- Message from the Minister of Health – Nutrition Month (Mar 5)

tinyurl.com/5ucxwv7

- Oral Health Providers can now sign up to participate in the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Mar 11)

tinyurl.com/yc4d9c9u

- Supporting Internationally Educated Nurses joining the Canadian health workforce (Mar 14)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/5n7fmb2u

- Government of Canada invests in 7,700 world-class researchers and projects across the country (Mar 13)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/44c94tbc

- Federal Investment for New EV Chargers Across Ontario (Mar 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/4p7tjbym>

- Government of Canada Invests \$16.7 Million to Support Ontario's Power Grid Operator With Delivering Reliable, Affordable and Clean Energy (Mar 6)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yc7skrrw

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Sport and Physical Activity – World Obesity Day, March 4, 2024 (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/4nzxbjk4

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Black Mental Health Week 2024 (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/29689phc

- Message from the Minister of Health on Canada's Fourth National Day of Observance for COVID-19 (Mar 11)

tinyurl.com/4b2npr3e

- Message from the Minister of Health, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health and Minister of Sport and Physical Activity – Brain Health Awareness Month and Brain Awareness Week (Mar 14)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/3f429e4h

- Statement from Minister LeBlanc (Mar 6)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/bdet5yma

- Government of Canada announces rail safety investments in Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas and other regions in Ontario (Mar 7)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/3akd3z47

- Ontario Creating New Nurse-Led Outreach Team in London (Mar 14)

tinyurl.com/42dwasej

- Ontario Breaks Ground on Long-Term Care Home in Pickering (Mar 15)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/s4s26kan

- Medical associations across the country oppose government efforts to restrict access to care (Mar 13)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2nay9593

- FAO releases expenditure monitor 2023-24: Q3 (Mar 6)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/25cycz3

- A lifetime of risks: addressing women's heart and brain health at every age (Mar 7)

Home Care Ontario

tinyurl.com/3yrantpe

- 95% on Ontario Seniors Support Call to Immediately Increase Home Care Funding: Poll (Mar 15)

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tinyurl.com/3bm67m6s

- People who died from a substance-related overdose faced significant gaps in treatment, report finds (Mar 5)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

tinyurl.com/yym2tmv6

- Mental Health Commission of Canada leads development of new program to support employers with psychological health and safety audits (Mar 7)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

tinyurl.com/mrtrp5m3

- NWMO Releases Updated Research Reinforcing Confidence that a Deep Geological Repository Can Safely Be Constructed (Mar 8)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/yymrz9k5v

- New manual released to support diagnosis of mental, behavioural and neurodevelopment disorders added in ICD-11 (Mar 8)