



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** April 19, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – April 14, 2024

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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**  
**April 14, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/2skcxpae](https://tinyurl.com/2skcxpae)**

- Health Department investigating confirmed case of measles in Durham Region (Apr 3)

**[tinyurl.com/msnu8d3p](https://tinyurl.com/msnu8d3p)**

- A healthy mouth means a healthy you (Apr 9)

**[tinyurl.com/24nh6dac](https://tinyurl.com/24nh6dac)**

- Health Department launches new interactive dashboard to monitor local opioid statistics (Apr 10)

**[tinyurl.com/yj4xnbzk](https://tinyurl.com/yj4xnbzk)**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Spring Recommendations (Apr 12)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2bczb3v2](https://tinyurl.com/2bczb3v2)**

- Government announces new Youth Mental Health Fund (Apr 9)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4mcxcuvu](https://tinyurl.com/4mcxcuvu)**

- The Government of Canada highlights National Caregiver Day (Apr 2)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4dkz74a5](https://tinyurl.com/4dkz74a5)**

- New Canada Carbon Rebate estimator tells you how much you may get back in payments starting April 15 (Apr 10)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mvz5r9u](https://tinyurl.com/mvz5r9u)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – National Dental Hygienists Week 2024 (Apr 5)

**[tinyurl.com/bdcmy62t](https://tinyurl.com/bdcmy62t)**

- Message from the Minister of Health, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health and Minister of Sport and Physical Activity on World Health Day 2024 (Apr 7)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/3m233jyr](https://tinyurl.com/3m233jyr)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister of World Health Day (Apr 7)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/223cab3a](https://tinyurl.com/223cab3a)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – World Autism Awareness Day (Apr 2)

## **Public Safety Canada**

[tinyurl.com/34hbvr4n](https://tinyurl.com/34hbvr4n)

- Government of Canada shares seasonal outlook, wildfire projections and emergency preparedness measures (Apr 10)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/3ym3ctjb](https://tinyurl.com/3ym3ctjb)

- Chief Medical Officer of Health 2023 Annual Report (Apr 2)

### **Ministry of the Solicitor General**

[tinyurl.com/mbku7rx](https://tinyurl.com/mbku7rx)

- Ontario Launches Bereavement Support Program (Apr 5)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/3fj2pstw](https://tinyurl.com/3fj2pstw)

- Ontario Building New Medical School at York University Focused on Primary Care Doctors (Apr 3)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/35bx8rf5](https://tinyurl.com/35bx8rf5)

- Ontario Preparing Communities for Emergencies (Apr 9)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/v95r5tkk](https://tinyurl.com/v95r5tkk)

- Chief Medical Officer of Health 2023 Annual Report Letter (Apr 5)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/mpew8ad3](https://tinyurl.com/mpew8ad3)

- As federal budget approaches, putting health care money to work is what Canadians want and need: CMA (Apr 10)

### **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health**

[tinyurl.com/2p8yxmv6](https://tinyurl.com/2p8yxmv6)

- CAMH develops first ever clinically validated natural supplement to prevent postpartum blues (Apr 10)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/52y4wza7](https://tinyurl.com/52y4wza7)

- WHO calls for action to uphold right to health amidst inaction, injustice and crises (Apr 5)

### **York University**

[tinyurl.com/5ydtzkrn](https://tinyurl.com/5ydtzkrn)

- Premier Doug Ford announces York University's School of Medicine to open in 2028 (Apr 10)