



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** May 3, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – April 28, 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,

Original signed by

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*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**April 28, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/ypjutec6](https://tinyurl.com/ypjutec6)**

- 2024 Health Plan (Apr 15)

**[tinyurl.com/mn396dna](https://tinyurl.com/mn396dna)**

- Health Department Launches New Interactive Dashboard for Local Opioid Statistics (Apr 17)

**[tinyurl.com/5h6n8jym](https://tinyurl.com/5h6n8jym)**

- What's Up Doc? Vol 17, No 1 (Apr 17)

**[tinyurl.com/4t48ztju](https://tinyurl.com/4t48ztju)**

- Opioid Use in Primary Care 2024 Virtual Conference – CAMH (Apr 23)

**[tinyurl.com/3rxhk4a8](https://tinyurl.com/3rxhk4a8)**

- Influenza Vaccine Return (Apr 23)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/46zusx26](https://tinyurl.com/46zusx26)**

- Budget 2024: Fairness for Every Generation (Apr 16)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4fkc8rrh](https://tinyurl.com/4fkc8rrh)**

- The Government of Canada requires producers to take more responsibility for the plastic they put on the market (Apr 22)

**[tinyurl.com/3dzfjb35](https://tinyurl.com/3dzfjb35)**

- Government of Canada invests to support Canadian innovators to find ways to reduce plastic pollution (Apr 23)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/48sbwtwt](https://tinyurl.com/48sbwtwt)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – Oral Health Month 2024 (Apr 15)

**[tinyurl.com/3p9jstsz](https://tinyurl.com/3p9jstsz)**

- Supporting Oral Health Providers' Participation in the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Apr 17)

**[tinyurl.com/487shzwz](https://tinyurl.com/487shzwz)**

- Statement from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (April 21-27) (Apr 26)

### **Prime Minister's Office**

[tinyurl.com/yma2ycs2](https://tinyurl.com/yma2ycs2)

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Apr 17)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/4m4n4dtv](https://tinyurl.com/4m4n4dtv)

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada National Immunization Awareness Week/April 22-30, 2024 (Apr 22)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

[tinyurl.com/3cnzywy2](https://tinyurl.com/3cnzywy2)

- Ontario Supporting the Futures of Children and Youth (Apr 17)

### **Ministry of Education**

[tinyurl.com/2ttwy4y8](https://tinyurl.com/2ttwy4y8)

- Ontario Increasing Funding to Boost Reading, Writing and Math (Apr 26)

[tinyurl.com/mt6brv7k](https://tinyurl.com/mt6brv7k)

- Ontario Cracking Down on Cellphone Use and Banning Vaping in Schools (Apr 28)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/ytuvpx4f](https://tinyurl.com/ytuvpx4f)

- Ontario Helping Family Doctors Put Patients Before Paperwork (Apr 24)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

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

- Ontario Providing More Funding to Build Long-Term Care Homes (Apr 23)

### **Ministry of Transportation**

[tinyurl.com/458j4xbr](https://tinyurl.com/458j4xbr)

- Ontario Raising Highway Speed Limits (Apr 24)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/42zxz835](https://tinyurl.com/42zxz835)

- Ontario Investing in Local Emergency Preparedness and Response (Apr 16)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Atkinson Centre, University of Toronto**

[tinyurl.com/45jfatju](https://tinyurl.com/45jfatju)

- UofT Study finds uneven progress on Canada's child care plan (Apr 25)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/yxpv6zrw](https://tinyurl.com/yxpv6zrw)

- Canadian Cancer Society commends tobacco tax and e-cigarette tax increases in federal budget (Apr 16)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/yc4jsbu8](https://tinyurl.com/yc4jsbu8)

- CMA to governments: stay focused on health care crisis (Apr 16)

### **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission**

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

- Independent Commission determines environmental assessment for Ontario Power Generation's Darlington New Nuclear Project is applicable to the selected reactor technology (Apr 22)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/4b2hpthr](https://tinyurl.com/4b2hpthr)

- Federal Budget 2024 hits the spot with \$1-billion for national school food program (Apr 16)

### **Ontario Brain Institute**

[tinyurl.com/mvrk3ssd](https://tinyurl.com/mvrk3ssd)

- Ontario Brain Institute launches Centre for Analytics (Apr 23)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/58b7cd3n](https://tinyurl.com/58b7cd3n)

- The OHA Welcomes Increased Federal Investments in Health Research (Apr 16)

### **Public Health Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/43xzamxt](https://tinyurl.com/43xzamxt)

- PHO Connections (Apr 24)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/4tytxwva](https://tinyurl.com/4tytxwva)

- Federal budget tackles vital determinants of health; missing opportunity to address nursing crisis and primary care needs (Apr 17)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/2s44zyv5](https://tinyurl.com/2s44zyv5)

- Leading health agencies outline updated terminology for pathogens that transmit through air (Apr 18)

[tinyurl.com/yck8yc69](https://tinyurl.com/yck8yc69)

- Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years (Apr 24)

[tinyurl.com/y59xy9du](https://tinyurl.com/y59xy9du)

- WHO reports widespread overuse of antibiotics in patients hospitalized with COVID-19 (Apr 26)

[tinyurl.com/4sp9zah](https://tinyurl.com/4sp9zah)

- Joint FAO/WHO/WOAH preliminary assessment of recent influenza A (H5N1) viruses (Apr 26)