



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – May 12, 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
May 12, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3hnmyx9s

- Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablets in Durham (May 1)

tinyurl.com/2avbwexy

- Pet owners reminded rabies immunization is mandatory for household pets (May 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/yehfk3py>

- Fridge Check: Have you Changed your Batteries? (May 1)

tinyurl.com/58adhytn

- KI tablets available for all area residents and businesses located near nuclear generating stations (May 6)

tinyurl.com/3zkycddk

- Being prepared to respond is the key message for Emergency Preparedness Week (May 6)

tinyurl.com/4h5d49u7

- Health Department looking for members for the Durham Youth Health Group (May 9)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/yzu9cdmw

- The Government of Canada provides an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (May 3)

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/4utjr4s9

- Government of Canada announces legislation to ensure fairness for every generation (Apr 30)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/25xrxw4s

- Supporting Mothers with \$10-a-day child care (May 12)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/44nsp3xc

- Government of Canada welcomes reports from the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Apr 30)

tinyurl.com/4msje5cr

- Canada helps chart roadmap toward an ambitious global deal to end plastic pollution (Apr 30)

tinyurl.com/yb6tfm2d

- Minister Guilbeault concludes G7 Ministers' Meeting with strong outcomes on clean energy, clean air, and a nature-positive future (May 1)

tinyurl.com/35hff3ha

- Canada's 2024 National Inventory Report shows Canada is successfully reducing emissions (May 2)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/473yvmr8

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Mental Health Week (May 6)

tinyurl.com/k4cz97d7

- A Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on National Nursing Week (May 6)

tinyurl.com/bdfyu2ta

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 6)

tinyurl.com/yfhj7vew

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (May 7)

tinyurl.com/bdfzpw49

- Removing barriers for sperm and ova donors (May 9)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/2s97bdhh

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Maternal Mental Health Day (May 1)

tinyurl.com/2mxxa8pv

- Enhancing equity, diversity and inclusion to better serve those using Canada's crisis and distress lines (May 9)

tinyurl.com/3hbj2ckp

- Message on Sexual Violence Prevention Month (May 10)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/2s5urxwk

- Minister Sajjan marks Emergency Preparedness Week 2024 (May 5)

tinyurl.com/4w2xsxyh

- Minister Sajjan reminds Canadians of upcoming test of the National Public Alerting System (May 6)

tinyurl.com/4kkk84k9

- Government of Canada: Updated 2024 wildfire season projections and preparedness measures (May 9)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/56namysb

- Protect Yourself from Tick Bites This Summer (May 2)

tinyurl.com/zuwbwsta

- Ontario Connecting People to More Care from Midwives (May 3)

tinyurl.com/yw7pdj43

- Ontario Celebrates Nurses During National Nursing Week (May 6)

tinyurl.com/bdd4r46r

- Ontario Connecting Seniors to Specialized Care and Support (May 10)

Treasury Board Secretariat

tinyurl.com/2xpv6cw9

- Ontario Prepares for Extreme Heat Emergencies to Keep People Safe (May 6)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Asthma Canada

tinyurl.com/2df37229

- World Asthma Day: 2 million Canadians Living with Uncontrolled Asthma Urged to Take Control of their Condition (May 7)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/ybwrxcc4

- Poison in every puff: World's first health warnings directly on individual cigarettes hit stores across Canada (Apr 29)

tinyurl.com/3weyepkm

- Time for change: Breast screening programs must start at age 40 (May 9)

Children's Healthcare Canada

tinyurl.com/597abzn4

- Children's Healthcare Canada Calls on Federal Government to Declare Children's Health and Well-Being a National Priority (May 6)

ICES

tinyurl.com/yrsmdztn

- ICES secures renewed five-year funding commitment from the Ontario Ministry of Health (May 1)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

tinyurl.com/2px7zka9

- #ChatSafe – New guidelines released for young people and parents/caregivers for online communications pertaining to self-harm and suicide (May 7)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/2swkevzw

- Unclear whether federal plastic waste-reduction activities will eliminate all plastic waste by 2030 (Apr 30)

tinyurl.com/55u7snu4

- Funding offered under Net Zero Accelerator initiative failing to attract large emitters (Apr 30)

ParticipACTION

tinyurl.com/yruxvftv

- ParticipACTION releases the 2024 Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth (May 7)

Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat

tinyurl.com/2s3evpzz

- Government of Canada funds new projects to further grow the domestic biomanufacturing and life sciences sector (May 6)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/232byf5u

- WHO Results Report 2023 shows notable health achievements and calls for concerted drive towards Sustainable Development Goals (May 7)

tinyurl.com/ydpup2wf

- Governments agree to continue their steady progress on proposed pandemic agreement ahead of World Health Assembly (May 10)