



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2024
To: Health & Social Services Committee
From: Dr. Robert Kyle
Subject: Health Information Update – May 26, 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 26, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/y5wu3by9

- Rabies: Exposure to Humans and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (May 13)

tinyurl.com/2uukzaph

- May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month (May 15)

tinyurl.com/4x7zj5w8

- Vision 2030 – Primary Care Dinner Event (May 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/yv7d8abd

- Budget 2024: Stronger Public Health Care to Lift Up Every Generation (May 21)

Government of Canada

tinyurl.com/29x9td85

- Government of Canada releases its first Enterprise Cyber Security Strategy (May 22)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/bdewrhek

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (May 17)

tinyurl.com/28wfk44

- Two million Canadian seniors approved for the Canadian Dental Care Plan (May 22)

tinyurl.com/a5xenyn6

- Moving Forward on Pharmacare for Canadians (May 24)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2xvdf75z

- Government of Canada invests in cutting-edge research and the next generation of scientists (May 26)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/4c9fm2dn

- Creating more child care spaces for families in Ontario (May 13)

tinyurl.com/yrw25mdn

- Giving every child the best start in life (May 17)

tinyurl.com/yf78ujf8

- Making contraception and diabetes medications free for Canadians (May 24)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yzswtzpa

- Government of Canada supports development & point-of-care dissemination of national antimicrobial prescribing guidelines (May 17)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/mr27ht84

- Statement from the Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs (May 22)

Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada

tinyurl.com/57atjp8f

- Treasury Board President Anita Anand tables the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2024-25 (May 23)

Women and Gender Equality Canada

tinyurl.com/5n6acen2

- Ministerial Statement on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (May 17)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

tinyurl.com/ms5e3hun

- Ontario Marks Fifth Annual Day of Action on Litter (May 14)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/5n79pbds

- Ontario Connecting More Than 73,000 People to Primary Care Teams in Eastern Ontario (May 16)

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery

tinyurl.com/yc489szv

- Ontario Strengthening Cyber Security and Protecting People Online (May 13)

Ministry of Transportation

tinyurl.com/2c2rz3wf

- Ontario Taking Impaired Drivers Off the Road (May 15)

tinyurl.com/4caadbmw

- Ontario Building Safer Roads and Communities (May 16)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/mjdxj9ks

- Ontario Delivering Choice and Convenience by Expanding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Starting this Summer (May 24)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for Healthier Communities

tinyurl.com/mt3pe57n

- Social prescribing project Links2Wellbeing receives funding to continue work connecting older adults across Ontario to community health resources and social supports (May 16)

Canada Health Infoway

tinyurl.com/ycyw7wja

- Canada Health Infoway Launches the Infoway Centre for Clinical Innovation in Digital Health (May 22)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/39e4rck7

- Canadian researchers will test a promising new fecal microbiota treatment on patients to cure advanced melanoma (May 15)

Food Bank Canada

tinyurl.com/mr474cwy

- Food Bank Canada's annual Poverty Report Cards show most of the country on edge of failure as struggles with poverty continue to climb (May 22)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/4uud74x7

- New evidence suggest link between teen cannabis use and psychotic disorders may be stronger than previously thought (May 22)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

tinyurl.com/3w33r2b7

- PMPRB report examines availability and pricing of new medicines (May 24)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/5t4tkvc5

- PHO Connections (May 21)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/msz57cdk

- WHO updates list of drug-resistant bacteria most threatening to human health (May 17)

tinyurl.com/z9x2pfrd

- New report flags major increase in sexually transmitted infections, amidst challenges in HIV and hepatitis (May 21)

tinyurl.com/5fmk5a7k

- COVID-19 eliminated a decade of progress in global level of life expectancy (May 24)

tinyurl.com/yc24atsj

- WHO releases a strategic framework for enhancing prevention and control of mpox (May 24)