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# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 14, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – June 9, 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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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**June 9, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/btwtd7e](https://tinyurl.com/btwtd7e)**

- Durham Region celebrates Recreation and Parks Month with a passport adventure initiative (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/4pv8k6s8](https://tinyurl.com/4pv8k6s8)**

- Health Department celebrates World No Tobacco Day, May 31 (May 28)

**[tinyurl.com/3nehnzk6](https://tinyurl.com/3nehnzk6)**

- Durham Region Health Department begins weekly beach monitoring for 2024 (Jun 6)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/2dvr2z5t](https://tinyurl.com/2dvr2z5t)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – World Food Safety Day 2024 (Jun 7)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/y49mkwnu](https://tinyurl.com/y49mkwnu)**

- Canada releases the *Climate Science 2050: National Priorities for Climate Change Science and Knowledge Report* (May 30)

**[tinyurl.com/5df55xe8](https://tinyurl.com/5df55xe8)**

- Building stronger, more climate-resilient communities (Jun 3)

**[tinyurl.com/5n87j5ta](https://tinyurl.com/5n87j5ta)**

- New public alert makes it easier to understand air quality conditions during wildfire events and year-round (Jun 5)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2mfh9jm8](https://tinyurl.com/2mfh9jm8)**

- Statement from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on World No Tobacco Day (May 31)

**[tinyurl.com/5y2jnuh8](https://tinyurl.com/5y2jnuh8)**

- Ministers Holland and Guilbeault issue joint statement to recognize Clean Air Day 2024 (Jun 5)

**[tinyurl.com/5n6vjsc9](https://tinyurl.com/5n6vjsc9)**

- The Government of Canada introduces the *Connected Care for Canadians Act* (Jun 6)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/yw7fc2dn](https://tinyurl.com/yw7fc2dn)**

- Producing more vaccines in Canada and creating more jobs (May 30)

**[tinyurl.com/m6snreud](https://tinyurl.com/m6snreud)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on World Environment Day (Jun 5)

**[tinyurl.com/5fy7shcc](https://tinyurl.com/5fy7shcc)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the National Day Against Gun Violence (Jun 6)

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

**[tinyurl.com/57hva8np](https://tinyurl.com/57hva8np)**

- Government of Canada announces National Suicide Prevention Plan (May 31)

**[tinyurl.com/2yx2zaed](https://tinyurl.com/2yx2zaed)**

- New investments to help people in Canada quit smoking (May 31)

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

- Message from the Minister of Sport and Physical Activity and Minister of Health – National Health and Fitness Day, June 1, 2024 (Jun 1)

**[tinyurl.com/bdt8cy2z](https://tinyurl.com/bdt8cy2z)**

- Government of Canada invests in programming to promote physical activity and healthy living (Jun 3)

### **Women and Gender Equity Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/239fcwd3](https://tinyurl.com/239fcwd3)**

- Government of Canada continues to advance menstrual equity (May 28)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Colleges and Universities**

**[tinyurl.com/4h72fmd4](https://tinyurl.com/4h72fmd4)**

- Ontario Advancing Homegrown Research and Innovation (May 29)

### **Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**

**[tinyurl.com/4c8swyj4](https://tinyurl.com/4c8swyj4)**

- Ontario Investing \$40 Million in Life Sciences Sector (Jun 5)

### **Ministry of Energy**

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

- Ontario Welcomes Plan to Double Production of Life-Saving Medical Isotopes at Bruce Power (May 27)

### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/4y7hw32k](https://tinyurl.com/4y7hw32k)**

- Ontario Honours Outstanding Bravery of Paramedics (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/54rdtmv8](https://tinyurl.com/54rdtmv8)**

- Ontario Reducing Wait Times for MRI and CT Scans (Jun 3)

**[tinyurl.com/yc4w9y3y](https://tinyurl.com/yc4w9y3y)**

- Ontario Connecting People to More Consistent, High-Quality Health Care (Jun 4)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canada Research Coordinating Committee**

[tinyurl.com/ts5v3sfv](https://tinyurl.com/ts5v3sfv)

- Canada at the forefront of international research on climate change adaptation and mitigation (Jun 3)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

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

- New national breast screening guidelines miss the mark (May 30)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/mrah4btr](https://tinyurl.com/mrah4btr)

- Strengthening and expanding integrated youth service networks across Canada (Jun 3)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/4zw7tae7](https://tinyurl.com/4zw7tae7)

- Dr. Joss Reimer installed as CMA President (May 29)

[tinyurl.com/59uh4mcn](https://tinyurl.com/59uh4mcn)

- CMA reflects on National Indigenous History Month (Jun 1)

[tinyurl.com/3tzmw3n6](https://tinyurl.com/3tzmw3n6)

- Statement – Health data legislation will help patients, providers: CMA (Jun 6)

### **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission**

[tinyurl.com/3sc4vuxm](https://tinyurl.com/3sc4vuxm)

- Commission amends Ontario Power Generation's operating licence for the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station to authorize the production of cobalt-60 (Jun 7)

### **Canadian Pharmacists Association**

[tinyurl.com/yc5xac3r](https://tinyurl.com/yc5xac3r)

- Strengthening primary care: Elevating the role of pharmacists in Canada's health-care future (Jun 6)

### **Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care**

[tinyurl.com/td8u7nfp](https://tinyurl.com/td8u7nfp)

- Understanding the benefits and harms is key to breast cancer screening (May 30)

### **Financial Accountability Office**

[tinyurl.com/3mmr2vfm](https://tinyurl.com/3mmr2vfm)

- FAO releases interactive expenditure estimates webpage (May 28)

### **Lung Health Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/ybey3nxs](https://tinyurl.com/ybey3nxs)

- Lung Health Foundation Teams with Ontario's Public Health Units to Introduce 'Brief Conversations Toolkit' on World No Tobacco Day (May 31)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/29jnhfnx](https://tinyurl.com/29jnhfnx)**

- Information and Privacy Commissioner calls for strengthened access and privacy protections for all Ontarians (Jun 5)

### **Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control**

**[tinyurl.com/25hynr68](https://tinyurl.com/25hynr68)**

- World No Tobacco Day was May 31<sup>st</sup>... Ministers' silence on vaping product flavour regulations raises concerns this important policy has been scrapped (Jun 3)

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

**[tinyurl.com/2exv9mp5](https://tinyurl.com/2exv9mp5)**

- Nurses applaud critical milestone for Canada's pharmacare (Jun 4)

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mr28znd5](https://tinyurl.com/mr28znd5)**

- Government of Canada invests in research partnerships to push the boundaries of innovation (May 29)

### **World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/yz9eeu9a](https://tinyurl.com/yz9eeu9a)**

- WHO Member States agree way forward to conclude Pandemic Agreement (May 28)