



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 12, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – July 5, 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
July 5, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/4e5ubrh3

- Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (Jun 24)

tinyurl.com/2dynnrka

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/2s7pjnr

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Durham Region (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/ymzupv97

- Keeping you safe this summer (Jul 4)

tinyurl.com/58ves8ey

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jul 5)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2u9jzx9t

- Government of Canada invests in mental health and crisis services for children and young people of Canada (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/2t3rumap

- National Seniors Council Report Recommends How Federal Government Can Further Support Canadians Aging at Home (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/3fmy5ftz

- More health care professionals and more communities to benefit from Canada student loan forgiveness (Jun 28)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/3bsj5akj

- Taking action to address health product shortages (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/ymrrjxfa

- Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and children under 18 are now eligible to apply to the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/y747hmpx

- Health Canada Calls for Proposals to Create an Integrated Youth Services Collaboration Centre (Jul 4)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/yc2fvr8e

- New Request for Proposals and Tools to Deploy Thousands More EV Chargers Across Canada (Jul 2)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/33pxh6ej

- Prime Minister announces reappointment of Dr. Mona Nemer as Canada's Chief Science Advisor (Jul 4)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/rb5xewkw

- Helping communities prevent and reduce substance use-related harms among youth (Jun 26)

tinyurl.com/23daw72m

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day (Jun 27)

htinyurl.com/yc8tc2c6

- Government of Canada supports development of mental health resources to help communities plan for and respond to emergencies (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/2rue7v3b

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisoning – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/32cta94z

- Statement from the Minister of Mental health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Jun 28)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/4kaaxw5r

- Ontario Consulting on Expanding Role of Nurse Practitioners (Jun 27)

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

tinyurl.com/6frn26vv

- Ontario Expanding Pathways for Newcomers Working in Health Care (Jul 4)

Ministry of Transportation

tinyurl.com/y9ez8cfc

- Ontario Making Electric Vehicle Chargers More Accessible (Jul 3)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/jz3nr4kf

- Regulations and Statutes in Force as of July 1, 2024 (Jun 28)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2hzmdahx

- Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective (Jul 2)

tinyurl.com/mryfte8p

- The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective (Jul 2)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/36jy8rf3

- Pierre Tremblay appointed as President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (Jun 26)

Federation of Medical Women of Canada

tinyurl.com/4zf9mujs

- Maternal RSV Task Force Emphasizes the Immediate Opportunity to Protect All Infants in Canada from RSV Disease (Jul 2)

Ombudsman Ontario

tinyurl.com/bp7euk6m

- Ombudsman handles near-record number of cases, focuses on rights (Jun 26)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5wn6upck

- Nearly 1.8 billion adults at risk of disease from not doing enough physical activity (Jun 26)

tinyurl.com/jmnk58zh

- WHO releases first-ever clinical treatment guideline for tobacco cessation in adults (Jul 2)