



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** July 26, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – July 21, 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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for our Communities*

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# UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 21, 2024

## Health Department Media Releases/Publications

[tinyurl.com/c9d43jn](https://tinyurl.com/c9d43jn)

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jul 11)

[tinyurl.com/mr45kn3a](https://tinyurl.com/mr45kn3a)

- Pneumococcal Vaccine Program Transition (Jul 12)

[tinyurl.com/rwxw3ysw](https://tinyurl.com/rwxw3ysw)

- Ontario Listeriosis Outbreak Linked to Plant-based Mill Recall (Jul 12)

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

- Blue-green algae found in water samples in Lake Scugog (Jul 18)

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

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jul 18)

## GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

### Canadian Food Inspection Agency

[tinyurl.com/4hyx4s2v](https://tinyurl.com/4hyx4s2v)

- Statement by Minister Holland on the new CDC requirements for dogs entering the U.S. from Canada (Jul 17)

### Environment and Climate Change Canada

[tinyurl.com/yne79zjz](https://tinyurl.com/yne79zjz)

- Canada releases first results from rapid extreme weather event attribution system (Jul 9)

[tinyurl.com/yfwdk8zh](https://tinyurl.com/yfwdk8zh)

- Government of Canada updates efforts to protect the environment and communities by addressing “forever chemicals” (Jul 15)

### Health Canada

[tinyurl.com/y5b55tcc](https://tinyurl.com/y5b55tcc)

- All dental care providers can now provide care under the Canadian Dental Care Program (Jul 8)

[tinyurl.com/5dwd2swp](https://tinyurl.com/5dwd2swp)

- Supporting Canada’s health workers by improving health workforce research, planning and data (Jul 11)

[tinyurl.com/bdf9xf3m](https://tinyurl.com/bdf9xf3m)

- Strengthening the Health Care System in Canada (Jul 12)

[tinyurl.com/455986px](https://tinyurl.com/455986px)

- New contribution program will focus on adapting to climate change to protect health (Jul 18)

**[tinyurl.com/5wjszr57](https://tinyurl.com/5wjszr57)**

- Public Advisory – Health Canada is warning Canadians about the potential risks of using homemade sunscreens (Jul 19)

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

**[tinyurl.com/3f3dat6m](https://tinyurl.com/3f3dat6m)**

- Government of Canada Announces Finalists of the Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Challenge (Jul 12)

### **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

#### **Ministry of Finance**

**[tinyurl.com/4a7ypcdy](https://tinyurl.com/4a7ypcdy)**

- Ready-to-Drink Beverages and Large Beer Pack Sizes Available in Grocery Stores Sooner Than Planned (Jul 15)

#### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/2envnx73](https://tinyurl.com/2envnx73)**

- Ontario Bolstering Nursing Workforce in Emergency Departments (Jul 10)

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Canada's Premiers**

**[tinyurl.com/53bd49mk](https://tinyurl.com/53bd49mk)**

- Premiers focus on key issues facing Canadians (Jul 16)

**[tinyurl.com/bddj55c5](https://tinyurl.com/bddj55c5)**

- Premiers discuss ways governments can work together to better support Canadians (Jul 17)

#### **Canadian Beverage Association**

**[tinyurl.com/mtbs7un8](https://tinyurl.com/mtbs7un8)**

- Expanding Ontario's deposit system is the most effective way to increase beverage container recovery: Report (Jul 15)

#### **Canadian Institutes of Health Information**

**[tinyurl.com/4vpe4kd9](https://tinyurl.com/4vpe4kd9)**

- Nine research teams to tackle new and existing threats to lung health (Jul 18)

#### **Canadian Medical Association**

**[tinyurl.com/muxt3jp8](https://tinyurl.com/muxt3jp8)**

- Statement – As premiers host summer meeting, Canada’s medical associations urge action to stabilize health system (Jul 15)

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/3pf5888j](https://www.tinyurl.com/3pf5888j)**

- FAO releases Expenditure Monitor 2023-24: Q4 (Jul 17)

### **International Vaccine Institute**

**[tinyurl.com/a2kkbkjt](https://www.tinyurl.com/a2kkbkjt)**

- Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly announces Canada’s intention to join International Vaccine Institute during official visit to headquarters in Republic of Korea (Jul 18)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/2truuj3u](https://www.tinyurl.com/2truuj3u)**

- FLS Commissioner urges Ontario to respect law; make all out-of-home advertising bilingual (Jul 12)

### **Public Health Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/bdhfrfvz](https://www.tinyurl.com/bdhfrfvz)**

- PHO Connections (Jul 17)

### **World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/5n6ft8t3](https://www.tinyurl.com/5n6ft8t3)**

- WHO prequalifies the first self-test for hepatitis C virus (Jul 10)