



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: August 9, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – August 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
August 5, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3p8yt9sj

- Notice of Service Disruption – 101 Consumers Drive, Whitby, closure of public access (Jul 25)

tinyurl.com/edkbf67r

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jul 25)

tinyurl.com/2t9hvpnf

- World Hepatitis Day – June 28, 2024 (Jul 25)

tinyurl.com/unfxzffs

- “What’s Up Doc?”, Vol 17, No 2 (Jul 29)

tinyurl.com/mr49yjb8

- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) in Clinical Settings (Jul 29)

tinyurl.com/aewzvydb

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Aug 1)

tinyurl.com/bdddw7vd

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Ajax and Pickering (Aug 2)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/bdh5p6as

- Government of Canada releases report on the appropriate use of medication (Jul 26)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/y7su6jj4

- Joint Ministers’ Message from Canada for the 2024 AIDS Conference (Jul 22)

tinyurl.com/5d54x55b

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada: Wildfires and Extreme Heat Risks to Canadians (Jul 26)

tinyurl.com/2s3cfa95

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on World Hepatitis Day (Jul 28)

tinyurl.com/29ferfee

- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Listeria infections linked to recalled plant-based refrigerated beverages (Jul 30)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/yyssy8xr

- Ontario Exploring More Ways to Expand Role of Pharmacists (Jul 24)

tinyurl.com/3y7sw293

- Ontario Enhancing Protections for More People Throughout Fall Respiratory Illness Season (Jul 25)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/yeyrf47x

- Ontario Building a More Connected Health Care System for Durham Region (Aug 1)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canada Safety Council

tinyurl.com/yppk7fut

- Opioid-Related Poisonings – A National Concern (Jul 30)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/473j43uh

- CMA issues draft recommendations on managing public and private health care in Canada (Jul 23)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/mpuh5vk7

- CIHI data reveals critical nursing shortage in Ontario (Jul 25)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/krj49pwd

- United Nations Secretary-General calls for global action on extreme heat (Jul 25)

tinyurl.com/4n7c69b6

- Adolescent girls face alarming rates of intimate partner violence (Jul 29)

tinyurl.com/ubewany9

- On World Breastfeeding Week, UNICEF and WHO call for equal access to breastfeeding support (Aug 1)

tinyurl.com/47t5w88b

- CEPI and WHO urge broader research strategy for countries to prepare for the next pandemic (Aug 1)