



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: August 23, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – August 18, 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 18, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mum7phah

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Aug 8)

tinyurl.com/mrmkyh38

- Recognizing Lyme Disease (Aug 9)

tinyurl.com/muz3faxn

- Health Department releases first of seven reports on local health impacts of climate change (Aug 12)

tinyurl.com/482szj4e

- Climate Change and Health in Durham Region (Aug 12)

tinyurl.com/58dxy555

- Recognizing Tick-Borne Diseases (Aug 12)

tinyurl.com/49aj7scm

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Aug 15)

tinyurl.com/mw4ca992

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Clarington (Aug 15)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/mu2frpst

- Statement of the food safety investigation related to the recall of various Silk and Great Value brand plant-based refrigerated beverages (Aug 7)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/mu66yy4e

- Science shows climate change made summer heat waves much more likely (Aug 12)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/4k5jtund

- Nearly 450,000 eligible Canadians have received care under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Aug 7)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/2skcw2zk

- Community Projects Support EV Awareness and Uptake Across Canada (Aug 8)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/25ct7djw

- Government of Canada's response to the World Health Organization's declaration on mpox (Aug 14)

tinyurl.com/4b47jnm5

- Community-based projects across Canada help increase vaccine confidence and uptake (Aug 16)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

tinyurl.com/4t7zuxdf

- Governments Investing in Food Safety and Industry Growth (Aug 7)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/22wjbtv9

- Government of Canada invests in 14 new clinical trials to support Canada's response to major health threats and bolster the life sciences sector (Aug 13)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/3cysjad7

- Commission amends the licensing basis for Ontario Power Generation's Pickering Waste Management Facility (Aug 6)

Public Policy Forum

tinyurl.com/3yyktsap

- Public Policy Forum Calls for Sweeping Reforms to Bolster Canada's Health Security (Aug 13)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/mrxve7c7

- Amid a summer wave of COVID-19, a new WHO/Europe study confirms the lifesaving impact of vaccines (Aug 8)

tinyurl.com/4wnv6m8d

- Updated joint FAO/WHO/WOAH assessment of recent influenza A(H5N1) virus events in animals and people (Aug 14)

tinyurl.com/ye22j8p5

- WHO Director-General declares mpox outbreak a public health emergency of international concern (Aug 14)