



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: September 27, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – September 22, 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
September 22, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/m9pfs8fe

- Expanded RSV Program Eligibility (Sep 10)

tinyurl.com/mrr5h6rh

- KI tablets available for all area residents living near generating stations (Sep 16)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/mr6jfm6v

- EU and Canada launch Health Policy Dialogue to advance Health Priorities (Sep 9)

tinyurl.com/4utvwb7

- Federal government launches new ad campaign for the Canadian Dental Care Plan, close to 650,000 Canadians have received care (Sep 9)

Global Affairs Canada

tinyurl.com/44hrthum

- Canada announces vaccines in support of the mpox outbreak in Africa (Sep 13)

tinyurl.com/3n9nabvh

- Canada announces new support for global polio eradication efforts (Sep 20)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/mvt55f9y

- Government of Canada announces support for over 6,900 top-tier researchers, projects and infrastructure across the country (Sep 13)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/mwnabpat

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – FASD Awareness Day (Sep 9)

tinyurl.com/n2renzm5

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Suicide Prevention Day (Sep 10)

tinyurl.com/bde7m6sj

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisonings – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Sep 13)

tinyurl.com/2p8bzexk

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Sep 13)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/4m9z6774

- Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season (Sep 10)

tinyurl.com/24v2jnwb

- Ontario Connecting People to Faster Emergency Care (Sep 12)

tinyurl.com/3bms5ark

- Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Reach Agreement to Increase Access to Primary Care (Sep 12)

tinyurl.com/48rrutbw

- Ontario Expanding Access to Palliative Care (Sep 17)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canada Health Infoway

tinyurl.com/34kzea95

- Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Medical Association Survey Shows Physicians are Embracing Connected Care Solutions (Sep 12)

Canadian Climate Institute

tinyurl.com/3sdnz6cf

- Experts estimate modest drop in 2023 emissions, with big differences across Canada (Sep 19)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/y5j3epd8

- New health funding analysis sparks call for Chief Health Accountability Officer (Sep 9)

tinyurl.com/3ukuc3e9

- CMA apologizes to Indigenous Peoples for harms caused by medical profession (Sep 19)

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

tinyurl.com/cv534jfm

- CPAC-HEC program to support at-home palliative care by paramedics saved money, time and trips to emergency rooms (Sep 10)

Feed Ontario

tinyurl.com/3ujzb377

- Ontarians are Drowning Amid Surging Affordability Crisis (Sep 10)

GlaxoSmithKline Inc.

tinyurl.com/yc4b33v4

- New survey reveals widespread lack of awareness about Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) among older Canadians, despite health risks for this population (Sep 9)

Kids Help Phone

tinyurl.com/yyddr2fx

- Kids Help Phone Launches Canada's only National Digital Platform to Connect Youth with Trusted Mental Health and Wellbeing Services (Sep 19)

Lakeridge Health

tinyurl.com/564xzc5v

- Interim Helipad Opens in Bowmanville, a Major Step in the Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment Journey (Sep 4)

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

tinyurl.com/w94wxaa8

- Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences introduces free pharmacogenetic testing to improve outcomes for eligible patients (Sep 16)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/y6m5d5pj

- WHO updates influenza care guidelines, includes recommendations for viruses with pandemic potential (Sep 13)

tinyurl.com/nhczxr3v

- "Get it right, make it safe!": WHO highlights safe diagnosis during global campaign for patient safety (Sep 17)