



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 11, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 6, 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
October 6, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mryph9cb

- Health Department releases report on extreme heat in Durham Region (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/32unjh7w

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Trough Financial Empowerment (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/56s77zsp

- Health Department encourages parents to book eye examinations for school-aged children (Oct 1)

tinyurl.com/yc5fuw3y

- COVID-19 Vaccine Fall Recommendations (Oct 2)

tinyurl.com/ztwvyky8

- Influenza Vaccine Available for High-Risk Groups Only (Oct 2)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Heritage

tinyurl.com/5ajrr24y

- Statement by Minister Qualtrough to mark Concussion Awareness Week (Sep 23)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/f9aed4ab

- Climate change fuels August heat waves across Canada (Sep 25)

tinyurl.com/5n7audf3

- Strengthening protections from pollution and the right to a healthy environment (Oct 2)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/k2xm949s

- Government of Canada and Partners Pave Way for Standardized Mental Health and Substance Use Care (Sep 26)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2267dav4

- Federal government launches Health Emergency Readiness Canada to strengthen preparedness for future health emergencies (Sep 24)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/mr3zmfc5

- Government of Canada Advances Small Modular Reactor Research and Development With \$13.6-Million Investment (Oct 3)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/bdhthesp

- Government of Canada launches Framework for Autism in Canada, Canada's Autism Strategy, and National Autism Network call for applications (Sep 26)

tinyurl.com/2as4wnry

- Statement from Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, and Dr. Mary Jane Ireland, Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada, on the release of the Pan-Canadian Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance Year 1 Progress Report (Sep 26)

tinyurl.com/ym2ynd3d

- Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella Muenchen infections linked to geckos (Sep 27)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/yy274vrc

- Statement by Minister Sajjan on Fire Prevention Week (Oct 6)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Sport

tinyurl.com/2vnzhdss

- Ontario Commemorates Sixth Annual Rowan's Law Day (Sep 25)

tinyurl.com/bd2585rz

- Ontario Helping Kids Stay Active and Healthy (Oct 2)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/2uwvr6m8

- Closing the gap: Two national networks secure \$10M in funding for women's heart and brain health research (Sep 23)

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.

tinyurl.com/76bn252c

- Life and health insurers paid a record \$128 billion in benefits in 2023, helping Canadians live healthier, more affordable lives (Sep 24)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/3v4z5y2d

- Canadian Medical Association recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sep 30)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/msutmtzw

- Keynote address by Pierre Tremblay, President and CEO of CNSC at the 5th International Conference on Generation IV and Small Reactors (Oct 3)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/mr2cfext

- Canadian research teams hope to transform women's heart and brain health over next five years (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/2u8xcapx

- Heart & Stroke applauds Ontario government for initiating the province's first Automated External Defibrillator (AED) registry (Oct 4)

Office of the Fire Marshal

tinyurl.com/xw756rex

- Only Working Smoke Alarms Can Save Lives (Oct 4)

Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control

tinyurl.com/42fmke7r

- Youth vaping in Canada – Tobacco Control Groups to Minister Saks: Ban Flavours Now or Resign (Oct 4)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/3725rapx

- World leaders commit to decisive action on antimicrobial resistance (Sep 26)

tinyurl.com/yb5ascz4

- Recommendations announced for influenza vaccine composition for the 2025 southern hemisphere influenza season (Sep 27)