



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 25, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 19, 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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for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 19, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/ztwvvyky8

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

tinyurl.com/3f2rwj3e

- *Echinococcus Multilocularis* in Durham Region (Oct 8)

tinyurl.com/57ccsrh

- Vector-borne diseases in Durham Region (Oct 8)

tinyurl.com/2vbux79h

- Referral to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program (Oct 9)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Clean Water Agency

tinyurl.com/36bed328

- Canada strengthens protection of freshwater with launch of standalone Canada Water Agency (Oct 16)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/5n7vad74

- Health Canada invests \$12.29 million in prevention and treatment of cancer for firefighters (Oct 7)

tinyurl.com/3js5dytx

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

tinyurl.com/39xbpb79

- Government of Canada Passes Legislation for a First Phase of National Universal Pharmacare (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/4n7k4che

- Government of Canada supporting solutions and rapid responses to the substance use and overdose crises (Oct 11)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/4hjcesx

- Statement from Minister Champagne and Minister Holland on the release of the engagement report on modernizing Canada's research support system (Oct 16)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/y4ytawws

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Oct 17)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/2s3hmr4j

- Launch of the External Expert Review of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (Oct 9)

tinyurl.com/t22yw52z

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2024 (Oct 9)

tinyurl.com/53v5nwjn

- Canada's Minister of Health concludes discussions at the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting in Italy (Oct 11)

tinyurl.com/4az894xz

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (Oct 15)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/3w7cc54b

- Government of Canada announces support to keep Canadians safe near railway crossings (Oct 11)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Energy and Electrification

tinyurl.com/yj8akuam

- Ontario Supports Continued Safe Operation of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (Oct 11)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/mttmepa9

- Ontario Expanding Access to Mental Health Services (Oct 7)

tinyurl.com/muk7x9rv

- Ontario Connecting One Million More Women to Life-Saving Breast Cancer Screening (Oct 8)

tinyurl.com/25cdekek

- Ontario Celebrates Completion of Sunnybrook's New Centre for Brain Science and Mental Health Care (Oct 17)

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

tinyurl.com/4pyv9m83

- Ontario Supporting Grieving Families and Stillborn Children (Oct 15)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/48e82rux

- Ontario Launches Next Phase of Life Sciences Strategy (Oct 15)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Breast Cancer Canada

tinyurl.com/3wr9z9pu

- Canada's Top Breast Cancer Experts Unite to Elevate National Standards in Care (Oct 8)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/298ke3wc

- Government of Canada renews historic funding for Indigenous health research from coast to coast (Oct 9)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/5d96vv32

- Commission authorizes Ontario Power Generation Inc. to operate Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026 (Oct 11)

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

tinyurl.com/4mprtv9j

- Cervical and lung cancer screening programs expanding and innovating across Canada, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer's new reports show (Oct 16)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/cbxybxsm

- Heart & Stroke cheers federal government's historic victory with passage of Canada's first national pharmacare legislation (Oct 10)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/3r3383se

- Millions More Ontarians Will Live with Major Illness by 2040 (Oct 16)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4rdk8arb

- Nurses celebrate passage of national pharmacare legislation: urge Canadians to stay vigilant for a fully comprehensive pharmacare program (Oct 10)

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

tinyurl.com/33zrs9tb

- SOGC Celebrates Passage of Pharmacare Bill: A Victory for Canadian Woman's Health (Oct 11)

tinyurl.com/4x7njkfj

- SOGC Calls for Better Stillbirth Data on Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Days (Oct 15)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5ks8vxsf

- Better use of vaccines could reduce antibiotic use by 2.5 billion doses annually, says WHO (Oct 10)