



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 8, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 3, 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
November 3, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3m2netv9

- Area residents encouraged to get their annual flu shot and the new COVID-19 vaccine (Oct 28)

tinyurl.com/yj6mrfwb

- Influenza and COVID-19 KP.2 Vaccines Available for Everyone (Oct 28)

tinyurl.com/4uye76rs

- “What’s Up Doc?”, Vol 17, No 3 (Oct 28)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/5n7vxeyv

- Statement on the conclusion of the food safety investigation related to the recall of various Silk and Great Value brand plant-based refrigerated beverages (Oct 29)

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/3wt6p7x5

- Government of Canada protecting reproductive freedom and covering essential health care costs (Oct 29)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/4dnfmpcz

- Climate change sets and breaks heat records across Canada this summer (Oct 25)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/yszpfny

- Statement from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada on advance requests for medical assistance in dying (Oct 28)

tinyurl.com/3a8xzs9s

- Canada Dental Care Plan milestone reached as 1 Million Canadians have received care (Oct 31)

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

tinyurl.com/ykmebbut

- Federal government launches new initiative to support climate resilient housing and infrastructure across communities (Oct 24)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/387vvxmj

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on her annual report 2024: Realizing the Future of Vaccination for Public Health (Oct 24)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Finance

tinyurl.com/4k2h922w

- Building Ontario For You (Oct 30)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/ycky42rf

- Province Appoints Dr. Jane Philpott as Chair of New Primary Care Action Team (Oct 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/p4prk5xc>

- Ontario Helping More People Start and Grow Their Families (Oct 24)

tinyurl.com/mu6s2k4n

- Free Flu Shots and New COVID-19 Vaccines Now Available Across Ontario (Oct 28)

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

tinyurl.com/2ucucrc5

- Ontario's Fifth Working for Workers Act Receives Royal Assent (Oct 29)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/mr3mvxc6

- Ontario Expanding Learn and Stay Grant to Train More Family Doctors in Ontario (Oct 25)

tinyurl.com/3ntc4a38

- All Ontario Grocery and Big-Box Stores Now Able to Sell Alcoholic Beverages (Oct 31)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Brain Canada

tinyurl.com/55bru5n9

- New study shows combination therapy slows cognitive decline in at-risk populations (Oct 30)

Breast Cancer Canada

tinyurl.com/hs3548uw

- Breast Cancer Canada 'Progress Report' Reveals Major Gaps in Screening and Treatment Delays Across Canada (Oct 28)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/ycxwjd7

- Finding solutions for women and gender diverse people's top health priorities (Oct 21)

tinyurl.com/mrxj73b2

- New research investments in the transmission of respiratory infectious diseases (Oct 25)

tinyurl.com/y3wytmfn

- Health System Impact Fellows work to bring changes to our health systems (Oct 29)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/mwc5za2e

- CMA calls for the elimination of workplace sick notes to create more health care capacity (Oct 28)

Food Banks Canada

tinyurl.com/48xvsnuv

- Need for Food Banks in Canada “Spiralling out of Control” Soars Past Two Million Visits a Month (Oct 28)

Office of the Fire Marshal

tinyurl.com/35ehjz42

- Ontario Observes Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week (Nov 1)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/2w8np42h

- Strengthening privacy protections for students: IPC launches digital privacy charter (Oct 23)

Ontario Brain Institute

tinyurl.com/7x2ms4zu

- Propelling neurotech innovation: Ontario Brain Institute awards \$700,000 in entrepreneurial funding support (Oct 31)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/52hy7s5z

- Debate over fines for NPs is the wrong discussion when more than two million Ontarians lack access to primary care (Oct 24)

tinyurl.com/5dxyuufn

- Ford government's economic outlook doesn't embrace nurses as central to solving the crisis in primary care and fails to improve living standard for the neediest (Oct 31)

Take Action on Radon

tinyurl.com/4nwk9sbz

- When was the last time you tested for radon? Smoking isn't the only thing that increases risk of lung cancer (Nov 1)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/4p5ycat3

- Tuberculosis resurges as top infectious disease killer (Oct 29)