



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 22, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 17, 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 17, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/2h45ufe5

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2024-2025 School Year (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/2an6mtdb

- Radon Testing and Mitigation (Nov 6)

tinyurl.com/4kjl5svm

- Durham Region Health Department home visiting programs (Nov 7)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2xccjrj

- Government of Canada increases reach of Canada Student Loan forgiveness for nurses and doctors in underserved rural and remote communities (Nov 12)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/4c5c7xjb

- Canada releases draft regulations to cap pollution, drive innovation, and create jobs in the oil and gas industry (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/kazheycu

- Minister Guilbeault heading to the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP29 to push for collective climate action (Nov 8)

tinyurl.com/575jtx4x

- Environment and Climate Change Canada responds to reports table by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Nov 7)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/vyxp9aw9

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Pain Awareness Week (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/3wep27zd

- Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada – Update on Avian Influenza and Risk to Canadians (Nov 13)

tinyurl.com/3yxsty3d

- Government of Canada establishes a Committee of Experts to make recommendations on National Pharmacare (Nov 14)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yfdd8s3a

- Message from the Minister of Health – Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/jvty9akw

- Government of Canada announces \$7.5M to Kids Help Phone (Nov 14)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/3fhdn4jm

- Eight Meeting of the North American Drug Dialogue (Nov 14)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

tinyurl.com/bdec9rdm

- Ontario Marks Woman Abuse Prevention Month (Nov 1)

tinyurl.com/zectd9hu

- Ontario Celebrates Opening of New Children's Treatment Centre in Ajax (Nov 15)

Ministry of Energy and Electrification

tinyurl.com/23927edf

- Ontario Expanding Ability to Process Cancer Fighting Medical Isotopes (Nov 8)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Home Care Association

tinyurl.com/3s5xavfu

- Canadian Home Care Association Urges Greater Transparency in Home Care Spending (Nov 13)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/4wa9rafk

- Canada's health care spending expected to grow faster than the economy (Nov 7)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/2ae92783

- Government of Canada appoints new President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/54zm5855

- Government of Canada invests in research on avian influenza A (H5N1) (Nov 14)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/4fvmc644

- Canada's Vision Health Partners Applaud Parliament's Passage of Bill C-284, the National Strategy for Eye Care Act (Nov 8)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4xrwdcv5

- CNO releases 2024 Nursing Statistics Report (Nov 7)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/bde27r7r

- Heart & Stroke strongly urges expanded scope of \$1 billion foundation in Big Tobacco settlement (Nov 14)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/ydr6wmv6

- Time is running out for federal government to achieve bulk of emissions reductions (Nov 7)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/ye26hukn

- OPG Announces New President and Chief Executive Officer (Nov 14)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board Canada

tinyurl.com/5n842pec

- PMPRB report reviews new drugs and their potential impact on future drug spending in Canada (Nov 5)

Statistics Canada

tinyurl.com/3xcefzex

- Canadian Statistics Advisory Council Report – Navigating Social and Technological Change in the National Statistical System (Nov 7)

Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat

tinyurl.com/3ep85m5k

- Government of Canada is strengthening research and innovation across Canada (Nov 14)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/3xfk4n8d

- WHO study lists to endemic pathogens for which new vaccines are urgently needed (Nov 5)

tinyurl.com/4427wvbk

- WHO demands urgent integration of health in climate negotiations ahead of COP29 (Nov 7)

tinyurl.com/a5yfcs88

- Urgent action needed as global diabetes cases increase four-fold over past decades (Nov 13)

tinyurl.com/mr4zmync

- Measles cases surge worldwide, infecting 10.3 million people in 2023 (Nov 14)