



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** December 6, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – December 1, 2024

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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*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**December 1, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/3ns59mjd](https://tinyurl.com/3ns59mjd)**

- Change your batteries & Keep Batteries Stored Safely (Nov 19)

**[tinyurl.com/3cxzvbpe](https://tinyurl.com/3cxzvbpe)**

- World AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (Nov 29)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/37kxrxp9](https://tinyurl.com/37kxrxp9)**

- As COP29 wraps up, Canada reaffirms its commitment to global climate action and remains determined to keep 1.5 °C alive (Nov 24)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3tkk7u7y](https://tinyurl.com/3tkk7u7y)**

- Government of Canada launches Youth Mental Health Fund to support community organizations and better mental health services for youth across Canada (Nov 18)

**[tinyurl.com/mrbwjh3d](https://tinyurl.com/mrbwjh3d)**

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on Digital Health Week (Nov 19)

**[tinyurl.com/f7emh56u](https://tinyurl.com/f7emh56u)**

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 25)

**Natural Resources Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2m9yshdv](https://tinyurl.com/2m9yshdv)**

- Statement from the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on Site Decision for Canada's Deep Geological Repository (Nov 28)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/45zcnvrj](https://tinyurl.com/45zcnvrj)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on National Child Day (Nov 20)

**[tinyurl.com/cj5uz3sa](https://tinyurl.com/cj5uz3sa)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister of National Housing Day (Nov 22)

**[tinyurl.com/25st75vn](https://tinyurl.com/25st75vn)**

- Healthy meals for kids, savings for Ontario families (Nov 22)

**[tinyurl.com/5c5ze8hm](https://tinyurl.com/5c5ze8hm)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Nov 25)

## **Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3w929xkj](https://tinyurl.com/3w929xkj)**

- Launch of public consultation to help modernize the development of preventive health care guidelines in Canada (Nov 21)

**[tinyurl.com/57uzm9ua](https://tinyurl.com/57uzm9ua)**

- Public Health Agency of Canada confirms the first case of clade 1 of mpox in Canada (Nov 22)

**[tinyurl.com/ykae9y5e](https://tinyurl.com/ykae9y5e)**

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Nov 23)

**[tinyurl.com/52y5nsac](https://tinyurl.com/52y5nsac)**

- Government of Canada invests in breast cancer research and public awareness (Nov 29)

**[tinyurl.com/39r8zzu8](https://tinyurl.com/39r8zzu8)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline marks one-year of service (Nov 30)

**[tinyurl.com/427hnamt](https://tinyurl.com/427hnamt)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on World AIDS Day (Dec 1)

## **Transport Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/k4ryr84v](https://tinyurl.com/k4ryr84v)**

- Statement – Minister of Transport issues statement on the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims (Nov 20)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Children, Colleges and Universities**

**[tinyurl.com/s42bbh8w](https://tinyurl.com/s42bbh8w)**

- Ontario Investing \$92 Million to Support Made-in-Ontario Research and Innovation (Nov 22)

### **Ministry of Education**

**[tinyurl.com/23927edf](https://tinyurl.com/23927edf)**

- Ontario Boosting Efforts to Combat Bullying and Support Student Mental Health (Nov 18)

### **Ministry of Energy and Electrification**

**[tinyurl.com/4vdm368b](https://tinyurl.com/4vdm368b)**

- Ontario Marks the Completion of Darlington Unit 1 Refurbishment Project Five Months Ahead of Schedule (Nov 18)

**[tinyurl.com/3eeznpm8](https://tinyurl.com/3eeznpm8)**

- Ontario Generating More Energy to Meet Soaring Demand (Nov 27)

### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/hvvzykas](https://tinyurl.com/hvvzykas)**

- Ontario Continuing to Support and Grow its Nursing Workforce (Nov 20)

**[tinyurl.com/z5tbvbrk](https://tinyurl.com/z5tbvbrk)**

- Ontario Expanding the Role of Nurse Practitioners and Registered Nurses (Nov 28)

### **Ministry of Natural Resources**

**[tinyurl.com/2wu6byv5](https://tinyurl.com/2wu6byv5)**

- Ontario Introducing Legislation to Protect Communities from Forest Wildland Fires and Hazardous Gas Wells (Nov 25)

### **Ministry of the Solicitor General**

**[tinyurl.com/2k84xpu7](https://tinyurl.com/2k84xpu7)**

- Ontario Building Safer and Stronger Communities (Nov 18)

**[tinyurl.com/27mz9pbb](https://tinyurl.com/27mz9pbb)**

- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel (Nov 19)

### **Premier's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/bdhm3ps8](https://tinyurl.com/bdhm3ps8)**

- Ontario Expanding Cancer Coverage for Firefighters (Nov 22)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canadian Headache Society**

**[tinyurl.com/5x8j5rjp](https://tinyurl.com/5x8j5rjp)**

- Updated Canadian Headache Society Migraine Prevention Guideline with Systemic Review and Meta-analysis Released (Nov 26)

### **Canadian Mental Health Association**

**[tinyurl.com/3mpy39zy](https://tinyurl.com/3mpy39zy)**

- The state of mental health in Canada? It's alarming, a new Canadian Mental Health Association report finds (Nov 19)

### **Nuclear Waste Management Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/49k7bwrn](https://tinyurl.com/49k7bwrn)**

- The Nuclear Waste Management Organization Selects Site for Canada's Deep Geological Repository (Nov 28)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/4yaw86n5](https://tinyurl.com/4yaw86n5)**

- Commissioners publish 2020 investigation report into LifeLabs privacy breach affecting millions of Canadians (Nov 25)

**[tinyurl.com/bdhibxb46](https://tinyurl.com/bdhibxb46)**

- Federal, provincial, and territorial privacy regulators address responsible information sharing in situations involving intimate partner violence (Nov 27)

### **Ontario HIV Treatment Network**

**[tinyurl.com/4yt9uez](https://tinyurl.com/4yt9uez)**

- KnowHIV, the future-forward Campaign to Raise Awareness of HIV in Ontario launches for World AIDS Day 2024 (Nov 26)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/4uhkw5bz](https://tinyurl.com/4uhkw5bz)**

- Nurses warn the Ontario government will bear responsibility for preventable deaths that will ensue from withdrawing essential life-saving health services (Nov 18)

**[tinyurl.com/2ts7htdt](https://tinyurl.com/2ts7htdt)**

- Updated evidence-base recommendations for managing pressure injuries (Nov 21)

**[tinyurl.com/3tm8cmvt](https://tinyurl.com/3tm8cmvt)**

- Scope expansion for nurse practitioners and registered nurses is 'good news' for the profession and Ontarians (Nov 28)