



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** December 20, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – December 15, 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 15, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/9m34mhet](https://tinyurl.com/9m34mhet)**

- Infant & High-Risk Children with RSV Prevention Program – Update (Dec 2)

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

- CAMH Online Courses (Dec 11)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

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

- Ministerial Statement in Response to the Auditor General's Report on Programs to Assist Seniors (Dec 2)

**[tinyurl.com/3324mtst](https://tinyurl.com/3324mtst)**

- Making school meals a reality for more kids in Ottawa (Dec 4)

**[tinyurl.com/3426jhvn](https://tinyurl.com/3426jhvn)**

- A tale of extremes: Canada's 10 most impactful weather stories of 2024 (Dec 10)

**[tinyurl.com/bdea5rtn](https://tinyurl.com/bdea5rtn)**

- Setting the next milestone to building a cleaner, stronger economy (Dec 12)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/y8tbxzdty](https://tinyurl.com/y8tbxzdty)**

- Minister Guilbeault's statement on the conclusion of the Fifth International Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-5) (Dec 2)

**[tinyurl.com/3mzdx423](https://tinyurl.com/3mzdx423)**

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents the winter seasonal outlook (Dec 4)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/9n8judj7](https://tinyurl.com/9n8judj7)**

- Health Canada releases new data on cannabis use in Canada (Dec 6)

**[tinyurl.com/59ejxpkc](https://tinyurl.com/59ejxpkc)**

- Government of Canada invests in transformative youth mental health care model (Dec 6)

**[tinyurl.com/u82t547k](https://tinyurl.com/u82t547k)**

- Celebrating one year of Canadian Dental Care Program success (Dec 11)

**Public Safety Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/a5cfzr2e](https://tinyurl.com/a5cfzr2e)**

- Government of Canada extends list of prohibited assault-style firearms and moves forward on regulatory changes to strengthen gun control (Dec 5)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/mt8bkuhj](https://tinyurl.com/mt8bkuhj)

- Ontario Continuing to Build a More Connected and Convenient Health Care System (Dec 2)

[tinyurl.com/5c26sa9f](https://tinyurl.com/5c26sa9f)

- Ontario Adding 100 New Family Doctors in Rural and Northern Communities (Dec 5)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

[tinyurl.com/4uk9dvbt](https://tinyurl.com/4uk9dvbt)

- Ontario Connecting People to Dementia Care and Supports for Caregivers (Dec 2)

[tinyurl.com/2x394kdx](https://tinyurl.com/2x394kdx)

- Ontario Supporting Seniors and Their Caregivers (Dec 4)

[tinyurl.com/mr9kcjtv](https://tinyurl.com/mr9kcjtv)

- Ontario Growing its Long-Term Care Workforce (Dec 10)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/y52w2kxp](https://tinyurl.com/y52w2kxp)

- Ontario Restoring Safety to Parks and Public Spaces (Dec 12)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/rv6h3b42](https://tinyurl.com/rv6h3b42)

- Ontario Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Emergency Management (Dec 9)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/thf4vex8](https://tinyurl.com/thf4vex8)

- FAO releases Expenditure Monitor 2024-25: Q2 (Dec 9)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2p9czw2h](https://tinyurl.com/2p9czw2h)

- Employment and Social Development Canada not using available information to determine in programs are meeting seniors' needs (Dec 2)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/5n7r7z8r](https://tinyurl.com/5n7r7z8r)

- Ontario Auditor General's 2024 Released Today (Dec 3)

### **Office of the Fire Marshal**

[tinyurl.com/yvpcubhs](https://tinyurl.com/yvpcubhs)

- Office of the Fire Marshal Celebrates 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety (Dec 12)

### **Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/4x83zvky](https://tinyurl.com/4x83zvky)

- Canada's Information Commissioners and Ombuds issue joint resolution calling for enhanced transparency in government operations (Dec 10)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2va8umk3](https://tinyurl.com/2va8umk3)

- French Language Services Commissioner present his Annual Report; urges Ontario to create a digital directory of public services subject to the French Language Services Act (Dec 5)

### **Ontario Home Care Association**

[tinyurl.com/4x36s787](https://tinyurl.com/4x36s787)

- It is Time to Care for People at Home, not in Hallways (Dec 13)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/3tkcr6kh](https://tinyurl.com/3tkcr6kh)

- Ontario Hospitals Celebrated for Excellence in Health Research (Dec 10)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

[tinyurl.com/44jwpevs](https://tinyurl.com/44jwpevs)

- Federal Minister of Health tables the 2023 Annual Report of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (Dec 6)

### **Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control**

[tinyurl.com/yvrnurf](https://tinyurl.com/yvrnurf)

- Groups condemn "betrayal of public health" as pro-industry settlement gets creditor approval (Dec 12)

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

[tinyurl.com/bdeppppm](https://tinyurl.com/bdeppppm)

- New NP clinical director role a win for residents, their loved-ones and staff in long-term care (Dec 4)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/3w87kj7n](https://tinyurl.com/3w87kj7n)

- Drowning deaths decline globally but the most vulnerable remain at risk (Dec 13)