



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** January 24, 2025

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – January 20, 2025

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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**  
**January 20, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/ykmt7m4r](https://tinyurl.com/ykmt7m4r)**

- Health Department celebrates National Non-Smoking Week January 19 to 25 (Jan 25)

**[tinyurl.com/f2r5ej2v](https://tinyurl.com/f2r5ej2v)**

- National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 20)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

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

- Latest Canada Carbon Rebate delivering financial boost for Canadians (Jan 14)

**[tinyurl.com/5fbpu9nd](https://tinyurl.com/5fbpu9nd)**

- Environment and Climate Change Canada's climate forecasting system highlights concerning global warming trends (Jan 15)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4ey4pbby](https://tinyurl.com/4ey4pbby)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month (Jan 6)

**[tinyurl.com/mwcn9vhk](https://tinyurl.com/mwcn9vhk)**

- Statement by the Minister of Health on the *Canada Health Act* (Jan 10)

**[tinyurl.com/56xvvnht](https://tinyurl.com/56xvvnht)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health & Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 20)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/5n939843](https://tinyurl.com/5n939843)**

- Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health on Nicotine Vaping in Canada as part of National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 20)

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

**Ministry of Energy and Electrification**

**[tinyurl.com/76ebvaw](https://tinyurl.com/76ebvaw)**

- Ontario Exploring New Nuclear Energy Generation in Port Hope (Jan 15)

**Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/37xddr8m](https://tinyurl.com/37xddr8m)**

- Ontario First in Canada to Administer New Publicly Funded Prostate Cancer Treatment (Jan 14)

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

[tinyurl.com/mrxfjx24](https://tinyurl.com/mrxfjx24)

- Ontario Increasing Access to Skin and Wound Care in Long-Term Care Homes (Jan 6)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

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

- 2025 Pre-Budget Submission (Jan 20)

### **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2ua5vvf9](https://tinyurl.com/2ua5vvf9)

- AMO launches groundbreaking homelessness study: Ontario at a tipping point with 80,000 (Jan 9)

### **Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health**

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

- Grading Canada's Mental Health and Substance Use Health Services: Minimal Improvement, Widespread Failures: CAMIMH Poll (Jan 14)

### **CATIE**

[tinyurl.com/29f7wmfj](https://tinyurl.com/29f7wmfj)

- Ontarian's Support for Harm Reduction Programs Outweighs Opposition, New Survey Reveals (Jan 13)

### **IC/ES**

[tinyurl.com/6y54evmx](https://tinyurl.com/6y54evmx)

- Accidental drug and alcohol-related deaths rising in Ontario, especially those involving multiple substances: report (Jan 10)

### **Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/57u3pzrh](https://tinyurl.com/57u3pzrh)

- Ontario's Nurse Practitioners Celebrate Inclusion in Provincial Health Plans: A Win for Patients and Providers (Jan 10)

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

- Nurse Practitioners Eager to Collaborate with Dr. Jane Philpott and Ontario's Primary Care Action Team to Improve Primary Care Access for Ontarians (Jan 15)

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

[tinyurl.com/44jwnva9](https://tinyurl.com/44jwnva9)

- RNAO issues policy platform for a healthier Canada ahead of upcoming federal election (Jan 9)

[tinyurl.com/bdzn84bj](https://tinyurl.com/bdzn84bj)

- In wake of federal health minister's letter, RNAO eager to work with Ontario government on a funding model without user fees for nurse practitioners (Jan 10)