



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 7, 2025

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – February 2, 2025

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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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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**February 2, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/38rb8955](https://tinyurl.com/38rb8955)**

- KI tablets available for all area residents and businesses located near nuclear generating stations (Jan 21)

**[tinyurl.com/y7v6ma88](https://tinyurl.com/y7v6ma88)**

- Updated Treatment for Uncomplicated Gonococcal Infections (Jan 21)

**[tinyurl.com/ycy7erv8](https://tinyurl.com/ycy7erv8)**

- “What’s Up Doc?”, Vol 17, No 4 (Jan 30)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4zsmb3ex](https://tinyurl.com/4zsmb3ex)**

- Minister MacAulay announces 10 organizations to deliver the School Food Infrastructure Fund to help strengthen food security in communities across Canada (Jan 31)

**Health Canada**

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

- Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Ontario for Drugs for Rare Diseases (Jan 24)

**[tinyurl.com/489kvmjw](https://tinyurl.com/489kvmjw)**

- Federal Provincial Territorial Health Ministers’ Meeting (Jan 30)

**[tinyurl.com/mr3jd28j](https://tinyurl.com/mr3jd28j)**

- Health Canada publishes proposed changes to increase oversight for precursor chemicals and drug equipment (Jan 30)

**Parks Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4ve32822](https://tinyurl.com/4ve32822)**

- Government of Canada Announces Intent to significantly expand Rouge National Urban Park (Jan 27)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/tjt3d8hc](https://tinyurl.com/tjt3d8hc)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on Measles and the Risk to Canadians (Jan 29)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

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

[tinyurl.com/579f5uhy](https://tinyurl.com/579f5uhy)

- Ontario Advancing Plan to Refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (Jan 23)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/39jztzxd](https://tinyurl.com/39jztzxd)

- Ontario Connecting More People to Treatment for Rare Diseases (Jan 24)

[tinyurl.com/6jd3zjcd](https://tinyurl.com/6jd3zjcd)

- Ontario Investing Over \$1.8 Billion to Connect Every Person in Ontario to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Teams (Jan 27)

[tinyurl.com/2a45upuz](https://tinyurl.com/2a45upuz)

- Ontario Building Safer Communities With 18 Additional Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs (Jan 27)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/yfc9ejtb](https://tinyurl.com/yfc9ejtb)

- Ontario Welcomes \$820 Million Investment in the Life Sciences Sector (Jan 23)

[tinyurl.com/zeenhc9c](https://tinyurl.com/zeenhc9c)

- Ontario Building Canada's First Dedicated Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Treatment Centres for First Responders (Jan 24)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

[tinyurl.com/ykkym7wj](https://tinyurl.com/ykkym7wj)

- Public Health Matters (Jan 28)

### **Canada Health Infoway**

[tinyurl.com/2s7renyx](https://tinyurl.com/2s7renyx)

- Seven Acute Hospitals in Central East Ontario Partner to Expand PrescribeIT Access Across Their Region (Jan 28)

### **Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety**

[tinyurl.com/y3y3kznb](https://tinyurl.com/y3y3kznb)

- Free Toolkit to Support Mental Health in the Workplace (Jan 23)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/4494pdke](https://tinyurl.com/4494pdke)

- New CMA survey links lack of access to health care to growing health misinformation risks (Jan 21)

[tinyurl.com/ykfssda8](https://tinyurl.com/ykfssda8)

- CMA alarmed by Alberta pandemic task force report (Jan 27)

**[tinyurl.com/5n7japb6](https://tinyurl.com/5n7japb6)**

- Ground-breaking new report reveals Canada can't train enough doctors and health professionals. Unless we dramatically change how we do things. (Jan 31)

**[tinyurl.com/27uyvbn6](https://tinyurl.com/27uyvbn6)**

- Feds listening to Canadian doctors' concerns on capital gains, CMA welcomes deferral of measures (Jan 31)

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

**[tinyurl.com/d2scwby7](https://tinyurl.com/d2scwby7)**

- FAO releases report on the financial impact of expanding Ontario's beverage alcohol marketplace (Jan 27)

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

**[tinyurl.com/2uy5t99r](https://tinyurl.com/2uy5t99r)**

- National Non-Smoking Week: Ottawa needs to clean up the youth vaping mess it created – not profit from it (Jan 22)

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

**[tinyurl.com/8tpp7hdb](https://tinyurl.com/8tpp7hdb)**

- RNAO outlines nursing, health system and housing priorities at Ontario budget meeting (Jan 24)

**[tinyurl.com/yc6ucwre](https://tinyurl.com/yc6ucwre)**

- RNAO welcomes commitment to attach every Ontarian to a family physician or NP working in a primary care team (Jan 27)