



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** March 21, 2025

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – March 16, 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,

Original signed by

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*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 16, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/nhh9e9wj](https://tinyurl.com/nhh9e9wj)**

- Make informed decisions using Check&Go! Durham (Mar 7)

**[tinyurl.com/4zrx5r75](https://tinyurl.com/4zrx5r75)**

- Measles Preparedness (Mar 11)

**[tinyurl.com/mv6yf7t8](https://tinyurl.com/mv6yf7t8)**

- It's Time to Spring Forward and Change Your Batteries (Mar 13)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/muyfvfb9](https://tinyurl.com/muyfvfb9)**

- The Government of Canada is investing up to \$14.3 million to help address labour shortages in the health sector (Mar 4)

**[tinyurl.com/2fra46xd](https://tinyurl.com/2fra46xd)**

- Drawing more doctors and nurses to rural and remote communities through Canada Student Loan forgiveness (Mar 6)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/27d4f85t](https://tinyurl.com/27d4f85t)**

- Minister of Environment and Climate Change responds to NetZero Advisory Body's second annual report (Mar 4)

**[tinyurl.com/3bj9255k](https://tinyurl.com/3bj9255k)**

- Protecting Canadians' health and Canada's environment from "forever chemicals" (Mar 5)

**Global Affairs Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3d4k23uc](https://tinyurl.com/3d4k23uc)**

- Minister Hussen renews Canada's pledge for global health and lifesaving vaccines (Mar 7)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/55d2ah42](https://tinyurl.com/55d2ah42)**

- Combatting fentanyl production and supporting law enforcement action (Mar 4)

**[tinyurl.com/ms3cj8zv](https://tinyurl.com/ms3cj8zv)**

- Government of Canada funds new initiatives to prevent family and gender-based violence (Mar 5)

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

- Government of Canada announces two initiatives to combat tobacco-related harms (Mar 7)

## **Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

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

- Government of Canada optimizes approaches to support the next generation of researchers (Mar 12)

## **Natural Resources Canada**

[tinyurl.com/yc8prwph](https://tinyurl.com/yc8prwph)

- Canada Invests in the Next Generation of Canadian-Made, Clean, Affordable Nuclear Energy (Mar 5)

## **Prime Minister's Office**

[tinyurl.com/mv4rsxf3](https://tinyurl.com/mv4rsxf3)

- Swearing-in of the 30<sup>th</sup> Canadian Ministry (Mar 14)

## **Public Health Agency of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/yc7syrb2](https://tinyurl.com/yc7syrb2)

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Black Mental Health Week 2025 (Mar 3)

[tinyurl.com/3bh2ht9n](https://tinyurl.com/3bh2ht9n)

- Statement from the Minister of Health (Mar 4)

[tinyurl.com/y6xwuafe](https://tinyurl.com/y6xwuafe)

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on the Increase in Measles Cases and the Risk to People in Canada (Mar 6)

[tinyurl.com/yc68hssm](https://tinyurl.com/yc68hssm)

- Helping communities prevent substance-use related harms among youth (Mar 6)

[tinyurl.com/9etejapp](https://tinyurl.com/9etejapp)

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on International Women's Day (Mar 8)

## **Public Safety Canada**

[tinyurl.com/25mwexmj](https://tinyurl.com/25mwexmj)

- Government of Canada takes further action to combat firearms violence and intimate partner violence involving a firearm (Mar 7)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Health**

[tinyurl.com/mvk9yrbt](https://tinyurl.com/mvk9yrbt)

- Statement from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Mar 14)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canada Research Coordinating Committee**

[tinyurl.com/577x96ra](https://tinyurl.com/577x96ra)

- Canada continues to invest to advance research and innovation projects across the country (Mar 13)

### **Canada Water Agency**

[tinyurl.com/a5k53u78](https://tinyurl.com/a5k53u78)

- Canada invests over \$1 million to protect and restore Lake Simcoe (Mar 6)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/24u36crs](https://tinyurl.com/24u36crs)

- Canadian Cancer Society praises federal regulations for cost recovery fee on tobacco companies (Mar 7)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/ymv2aast](https://tinyurl.com/ymv2aast)

- Government of Canada commits \$10 million in support for Canada Gairdner Awards (Mar 5)

[tinyurl.com/y2n5ubyn](https://tinyurl.com/y2n5ubyn)

- World-leading expert in youth substance use and mental health appointed CIHR Scientific Director (Mar 13)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/5n8cm2mf](https://tinyurl.com/5n8cm2mf)

- Cigarette companies to pay for national tobacco control strategy (Mar 7)

### **Office of the Patient Ombudsman**

[tinyurl.com/4e36czbs](https://tinyurl.com/4e36czbs)

- Annual Report 2023/24 (Mar 13)

### **Quebec Coalition on Tobacco Control**

[tinyurl.com/58wzzprx](https://tinyurl.com/58wzzprx)

- CQTS/Blais Class Action Against Tobacco Companies: Ontario Superior Court Approves the Plans of Compromise and Arrangement (Mar 6)

### **The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/4tya9pnb](https://tinyurl.com/4tya9pnb)

- International Women's Day: A Call to Defend and Advance Women's Rights in Canada (Mar 8)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/ymt8pcpd](https://tinyurl.com/ymt8pcpd)

- Many pregnancy-related complications going undetected and untreated – WHO (Mar 7)

**[tinyurl.com/25n7p799](https://tinyurl.com/25n7p799)**

- UN Commission approves WHO recommendations to place psychoactive substances under international control (Mar 13)