



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 2, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – April 27, 2025

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
April 27, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/tk7kpx33

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Through Financial Empowerment #4 (Apr 22)

tinyurl.com/yv39d4sj

- May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month (Apr 25)

tinyurl.com/yykcawua

- Influenza Vaccine Return (Apr 25)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/5b5uaenr

- Statement from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Vegemite (Apr 18)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security

tinyurl.com/y98edw9h

- Ontario Protecting Workers and Jobs by Investing in Postsecondary Education (Apr 22)

tinyurl.com/yn6uypy6

- Ontario Driving Homegrown Innovation in Key Sectors (Apr 25)

Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

tinyurl.com/cz9ekwae

- Ontario Moving Ahead on New Emergency Preparedness and Response Headquarters (Apr 24)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/y86t2jtf

- Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Confirm Funding Increase That Will Protect Provincial Health Care (Apr 22)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/64492hp2

- Ontario Breaks Ground on Long-Term Care Home in Courtice (Apr 23)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/2u5nj5cf

- Ontario Unlocking Free Trade Within Canada (Apr 16)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Environmental Law Association

tinyurl.com/mwactcb8

- Canada Urged to Protect Children from Escalating Heat in Schools and Child Care settings (Apr 24)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/5fd2krn5

- Canada's public drug program spending reaches \$18.4 billion in 2023, medications like Ozempic driving cost (Mar 11)

tinyurl.com/38urspxs

- Quantifying risk: How CIHI's frailty risk measure supports care planning for Canada's seniors (Apr 10)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ydnua94m

- CMA calls on Federal party leaders to detail their health plans at debates (Apr 14)

Children's Healthcare Canada

tinyurl.com/2sj7ba7j

- Prioritizing the Health of Kids Today to Build a Stronger Canada Tomorrow (Apr 14)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/5b2um58p

- Moving forward with labour mobility (Apr 17)

Community Food Centres Canada

tinyurl.com/3a5ezhyu

- 250 Groups Call for Immediate Action: Food Security Must Be a Federal Priority (Apr 15)

Food Banks Canada

tinyurl.com/yc3sp6up

- New Food Banks Canada Election Report Finds 86% of the People in Canada Support the Goal of Cutting Food Insecurity in Canada in half by 2030 (Apr 15)

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tinyurl.com/3xaapyp4

- Abortion rates remain relatively stable in Canada, while rates spike in UK, Europe and US (Apr 11)

tinyurl.com/2x7ctdyb

- Hospital visits for cannabis use linked to higher dementia risk, study finds (Apr 14)

Immunize Canada

tinyurl.com/yc4frfx

- National Immunization Awareness Week takes place from 21-30 April 2025 (Apr 17)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/mv75fpe2

- WHO Member States conclude negotiations and make significant progress on draft pandemic agreement (Apr 16)

tinyurl.com/47eryuvz

- Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi (Apr 24)

tinyurl.com/d7c543u6

- WHO calls for revitalized efforts to end malaria (Apr 24)