



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: June 27, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – June 22, 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

June 22, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mp77fzc8

- Weekly beach test results now available online through Check&Go! Durham (Jun 9)

tinyurl.com/2u3jhyck

- COVID-19 Vaccine: Moderna Supply Update (Jun 10)

tinyurl.com/56sj39xb

- Measles Preparedness – Update (Jun 12)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/bdf5r4xj

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents summer seasonal outlook (Jun 10)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/3z52e5m4

- Prime Minister Carney announces changes in the senior ranks of the public service (Jun 20)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/5n7r8yav

- Minister Michel welcomes External Expert Review report on the modernization of preventive health care guideline development in Canada (Jun 13)

tinyurl.com/4ydx67cy

- Government of Canada provide support for ParticipACTION to promote active lifestyles (Jun 16)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

tinyurl.com/yw99x8hh

- Ontario Supporting Life Sciences Innovations (Jun 9)

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/y955r7ah

- Ontario Launches Plan to Secure Energy for Generations (Jun 12)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/mrxufh2k

- Ontario Expanding Uxbridge Hospital and Adding New Long-Term Care Home (Jun 10)

tinyurl.com/ms89sdvk

- Ontario Celebrates Completion of New Community Health Centre in Cannington (Jun 10)

tinyurl.com/2tm58zb4

- Ontario Helping More Families Access Fertility Supports (Jun 11)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canada Health Infoway

tinyurl.com/4v52kywr

- Canada Health Infoway Launches AI Scribe Program: Enrollment Now Open for Primary Care Clinicians (Jun 10)

Canadian Automobile Association

tinyurl.com/2eakaxvr

- Cyclists, pedestrians in daily danger at intersections, CAA study finds (Jun 18)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/bde8hcf3

- Expert report an impressive first step to reimagine and modernize the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (Jun 13)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/ytsb883

- Longer wait times for surgeries and diagnostic imaging persist across Canada compared with the pre-pandemic period (Jun 12)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ywmz44k2

- Statement – CMA reflects on National Indigenous Peoples Day (Jun 21)

Colorectal Cancer Canada

tinyurl.com/536khpjk

- Colorectal Cancer Canada (CCC) advocates to lower the age for colorectal cancer screening to 45 for Canadians at average risk (Jun 17)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/fe7wbax

- Pouring over the data: researchers find Canada's first sugary drink tax lowered odds of consumption nearly 25% (Jun 17)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/nhh3dxrc

- Correctional populations in Ontario have twenty times the rate of substance use-related healthcare visits, study finds (Jun 12)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/mwsbzy52

- Canada's strategy for adapting to climate change lacks key elements and progress (Jun 10)

tinyurl.com/mry4n3ku

- The federal government has struggled with implementing sustainable development in Canada (Jun 10)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/4ev3ffr7

- Information and Privacy Commissioner urges government to close regulatory gaps and secure public trust (Jun 12)

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada

tinyurl.com/2fz93h47

- Commissioner Maynard Tables 2024-2025 Annual Report, Reinforces Commitment to Strengthening Access to Information (Jun 17)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

tinyurl.com/mr2883rw

- Privacy Commissioner of Canada's annual report underscores the need to prioritize privacy in an increasingly data-driven world (Jun 5)

tinyurl.com/ycxjrj5s9

- Data breach at 23andMe is a reminder to all organizations to prioritize privacy, Privacy Commissioner of Canada cautions in wake of investigation (Jun 17)

Ontario Drug Policy Research Network

tinyurl.com/5as3tn9k

- Hydromorphone dispensing across public health units in Ontario (Jun 18)

Ontario Tech University

tinyurl.com/4xme4avc

- Ontario Tech researcher launches digital tool with Durham Region Health Department and Lakeridge Health to empower breastfeeding parents (Jun 10)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

tinyurl.com/4fcac2cu

- PMPRB report reviews potential impact of new medicines on the Canadian market (Jun 17)

Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control

tinyurl.com/2s3dwbfk

- Draft vaping regulations: Four Years Later, It's Time to Finalize a Federal Ban on Flavoured Vapes (Jun 19)

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

tinyurl.com/5d6j6mts

- SOGC Releases New National Guidance to Improve Care for Women After Early Pregnancy Loss (Jun 16)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/mrym2ezm

- WHO Director-General announces that mpox remains a public health emergency of international concern (Jun 9)