



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 11, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – July 6, 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,

Original signed by

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 6, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3jaatxsp

- Health Department advises residents to prepare for potential health event this weekend (Jun 20)

tinyurl.com/bdhfka9b

- 2024 Health Check-Up! (Jul 4)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Global Affairs Canada

tinyurl.com/3vddh3bs

- Canada renews support to protect the world's children against infectious diseases (Jun 25)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/y6f8mb3b

- Health Canada launches public consultation on proposed changes to increase oversight of precursor chemicals and drug equipment (Jun 27)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/5brnm8bx

- Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health and the Chief Coroners and Chief Medical Examiners – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Jun 25)

Statistics Canada

tinyurl.com/n87685pz

- Statistics Canada publishes 2026 Census questions (Jul 4)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of the Attorney General

tinyurl.com/4ca63nmr

- Ontario Permitting Alcoholic Beverages of Pedal Pubs (Jun 27)

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/42px6hda

- Ontario Welcomes GE Vernova Hitachi's \$70 Million Investment to Build World's First Small Modular Reactor Engineering & Service Centre (Jun 23)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/ynd6zfwv

- Ontario Connecting 300,000 More People to Primary Care (Jun 23)

tinyurl.com/3f2r8run

- Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Orthopedic Surgeries (Jul 2)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/muwdc42t

- Ontario Supporting Long-Term Care Residents with Complex Needs (Jul 3)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/54x9xkrj

- Ontario Reducing Wait Times for MRIs, CT Scans and Endoscopies (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/yrvhuyw2

- Regulations and Statutes in Force as of July 1, 2025 (Jun 30)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/287jykbk

- Setting the pace: CIHI informs nations targets for appropriate use of antipsychotics in long-term care (Jun 18)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/hedt6a74

- More family doctors near retirement, raising concern about the future of primary care (Jun 16)

Ombudsman Ontario

tinyurl.com/mssr7rwn

- Ombudsman calls for “urgent” reform of Ontario’s correctional system and stronger respect for rights (Jun 25)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

tinyurl.com/nhj5b8sr

- PMPRB releases new Guidelines to monitor and review drug prices (Jun 30)

Public Policy Forum

tinyurl.com/u9hr9kwn

- New report says Canada faces a health security emergency – and the fix could unlock economic growth (Jun 25)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/53psz63w

- Tobacco control efforts protect 6.1 billion people – WHO’s new report (Jun 23)

tinyurl.com/2pz9jzde

- WHO Scientific advisory group issues report on origins of COVID-19 (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/38tjxdfv

- WHO launches bold push to raise health taxes and save millions of lives (Jul 2)