



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 25, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – July 20, 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

July 20, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mr32mzrd

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus disease in Durham Region (Jul 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/dc8rdp35>

- Pediatric Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Eligibility Update (Jul 11)

tinyurl.com/mr3esp49

- Blue-green algae found in water samples from eastern shore of Lake Scugog (Jul 11)

tinyurl.com/yc5vtah2

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Oshawa (Jul 17)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/3meymsv

- Climate scientists calculate role human-caused climate change plays in shifting weather extremes (Jul 17)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/yk348k8m

- Government of Canada announces support for over 9,700 leading researchers and projects nationwide (Jul 9)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

tinyurl.com/mr27dcpb

- 2024 annual report: Poverty Reduction Strategy (Jun 20)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Automobile Association

tinyurl.com/5ducfvv3

- Road safety laws lag adoption of personal e-bikes and e-scooters, CAA study finds (Jul 16)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/ybjk8msp

- Dr. Rae Yeung appointed Scientific Director of CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (Jul 14)

Canadian Medical Protective Association

tinyurl.com/3p95bprp

- CMPA 2024 Performance Results Demonstrate Support to Members and Advancements in Safe Medical Care (Jul 11)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yc58z7xx

- Nursing by the Numbers: The Latest Nursing Trends and Patterns in Ontario (Jul 17)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/mrxx58ju

- Underserved youth less likely to visit emergency department for concussion in Ontario, study finds (Jul 11)

Inspectorate of Policing

tinyurl.com/yxwa8afn

- Inspector General of Policing releases his annual report: Ontario's policing system is strong overall, with areas that require attention to meet evolving public safety complexity and demand (Jul 15)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5em9tahd

- New WHO guidelines for clinical management of arboviral diseases: dengue, chikungunya, Zika and yellow fever (Jul 10)

tinyurl.com/b5hmj6c7

- Global childhood vaccination coverage holds steady, yet over 14 million infants remain unvaccinated – WHO, UNICEF (Jul 15)