



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 3, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – September 30, 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
September 30, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3dbcf433

- KI tablets available to those who live and work near nuclear generating stations (Sep 15)

tinyurl.com/5n894yb2

- Older Adult High-Risk RSV Vaccine Program: Order Now (Sep 15)

tinyurl.com/24rp6pn7

- Infant & High-Risk Children RSV Prevention Program: Order Now (Sep 25)

tinyurl.com/y9652xr4

- Influenza Vaccine Now Available for High-Risk Groups Only (Sep 25)

tinyurl.com/3bspkdbb

- Share your thoughts! Health Department launches survey for parents and caregivers (Sep 29)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/3pcdn9k8

- Protecting Canadians during Salmonella outbreak: Canadian Food Inspection Agency temporarily bans imported pistachio products from Iran (Sep 27)

Canadian Heritage

tinyurl.com/3u584s49

- Joint statement by the Secretary of State (Sport) and the Minister of Health to mark Concussion Awareness Week 2025 (Sep 21)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/mdwu3c2h

- Recent Canadian heat waves made much more likely by human-caused climate change (Sep 17)

tinyurl.com/4ms3hs8n

- Canada proposes actions to address “forever chemicals” in firefighting foams (Sep 26)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/2h32n43b

- Public Advisory – Acetaminophen is a recommended treatment for fever and pain during pregnancy (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/4a7rh6hw

- Government of Canada improves access to sexual and reproductive health services (Sep 29)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/3b7h8rc6

- Making Home Heating More Affordable for Ontarians (Sep 20)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/5n8ucckt

- Statement – Launch of Rail Safety Week 2025 (Sep 15)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security

tinyurl.com/bdz5a6jn

- Ontario Investing \$18 Million to Boost Life-Saving Medical Isotope Production and McMaster University (Sep 15)

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/47tzccu9

- Ontario Supports Continued Safe Operation of Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (Sep 25)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/ytxs2e3m

- Ontario Taking Next Steps to Improve Health-Care Access (Sep 17)

tinyurl.com/4x39weu6

- Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Reach Agreement To Protect Provincial Health Care (Sep 18)

tinyurl.com/5n8avnsa

- Ontario Protecting Communities From Respiratory Illnesses (Sep 18)

tinyurl.com/dfp9kym8

- Ontario Connecting 500,000 More People to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Team (Sep 22)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/3mcp3m9b

- Ontario Investing \$9 Million to Increase Access to Dementia Care (Sep 25)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/47ddpz73

- Ontario Protecting Taxpayers by Banning Municipal Speed Cameras (Sep 25)

Treasury Board Secretariat

tinyurl.com/5d5hthmv

- Ontario Releases 2024-25 Public Accounts (Sep 26)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/3ev43s7m

- Response to 2024 Chief Medical Officer of Health Annual Report (Sep 8)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/4hmv9vju

- Canadian Cancer Society announces strategic transition of personalized prevention programs (Sep 24)

Canadian Climate Institute

tinyurl.com/2tycp7hr

- 2024 emissions estimate shows progress stalled, Canada's 2030 climate target out of reach (Sep 18)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/m7z5tazu

- Government of Canada invests in research to strengthen pandemic preparedness and response (Sep 23)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/94mf32ke

- Statement – Canadians count on MPs to make health care a nation-building priority (Sep 15)

tinyurl.com/58725jsy

- CMA reflects on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sep 30)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/ymcexfht

- Commission renews Ontario Power Generation Inc.'s power reactor operating licence for its Darlington Nuclear Generation Station (Sep 25)

Canadian Statistics Advisory Council

tinyurl.com/t6v7kche

- Canadian Statistics Advisory Council Report – Towards a Framework for Official Statistics in the National Statistical System (Sep 18)

Food Banks Canada

tinyurl.com/mw2u5s7s

- Food Banks Canada's 2025 Poverty Report Card offers Canada a glimmer of hope and a pathway to reduce poverty and food insecurity (Sep 16)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/285mn9ze

- New screening tool targets key risks and those unique to women (Sep 22)

Office of the Fire Marshal

tinyurl.com/4nfb3xtf

- All Ontarians Urged to Test their Smoke Alarms on September 28, Ontario's Third Annual Test Your Smoke Alarm Day (Sep 22)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/mr3a7zpy

- CNSC issues 20-year operating licence for Darlington (Sep 26)

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

- Ontario Shores and the Mental Health Commission of Canada Lead National Effort to Improve Schizophrenia Care – New Report Shows Major Gains in Treatment Access and Outcomes (Sep 18)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/5f7yjffn

- PHO Connections (Sep 22)

Right to Food

tinyurl.com/46c2w3ze

- Right to Food is a Call to Action (Sep 18)

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

tinyurl.com/2azt68me

- SOGC Statement on Acetaminophen Use in Pregnancy (Sep 15)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/4ejpk5ku

- WHO urges cost effective solutions on NCDs and mental health amidst slowing progress (Sep 18)

tinyurl.com/57w42aj7

- Amended International Health Regulations enter into force (Sep 19)

tinyurl.com/2tsthuy9

- WHO statement on autism-related issues (Sep 24)

tinyurl.com/tupv7nmt

- Recommendations announced for influenza vaccine composition for the 2026 southern hemisphere influenza season (Sep 26)

tinyurl.com/2k8wfszc

- World leaders show strong support for political declaration on noncommunicable diseases and mental health (Sep 26)