



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 17, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 13, 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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for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 13, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/9uhj6p7c

- Help keep everyone healthy during respiratory illness season (Oct 1)

tinyurl.com/3b23pfav

- Health Department encourages parents to book eye examinations for school-age children (Oct 2)

tinyurl.com/2p9jyy69

- COVID-19 Vaccines Available Now for High-Risk Groups (Oct 2)

tinyurl.com/mr3bkz5e

- Help keep everyone healthy during respiratory illness season (Oct 3)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/2v35kvcy

- Government of Canada invests in Canadian-made solutions to help reduce plastic pollution and waste, expand consumer choices, and build a strong and resilient economy (Oct 1)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/zw4m9zen

- Canadian Dental Care Plan reaches significant milestones (Oct 2)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/mr2ynt2f

- Prime Minister Carney announces new measures to lower costs for Canadians and help you get ahead (Oct 10)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/28mr6s32

- Message from the Minister of Health – Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Oct 8)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/5b9w6x72

- Statement by Minister Olszewski to launch the 2025 Fire Prevention Week (Oct 3)

tinyurl.com/4ftym29t

- Minister Olszewski marks International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (Oct 10)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

tinyurl.com/45xja4xh

- Ontario Increasing Student Nutrition Investment to \$37.5 Million (Oct 10)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/48krwz7p

- Ontario Takes Next Step in Bowmanville Hospital Expansion (Oct 1)

tinyurl.com/36wcb4wr

- Ontario Connecting Patients to Life-Saving Cancer Drugs Faster (Oct 7)

tinyurl.com/44waf7ed

- Ontario Connecting More Families to Fertility Supports (Oct 8)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Children's Healthcare Canada

tinyurl.com/2snn4wtb

- New Study Links Investments in Children's Healthcare to Canada's Prosperity, Resilience and Health (Oct 1)

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario

tinyurl.com/5dte3vfc

- Ontario Auditor General Releases Four Special Reports (Oct 1)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/u28ntfyk

- Canada's information and privacy regulators wrap up meeting that focused on critical access and privacy issues facing Canadians (Oct 10)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/3m2bj95a

- Ontario Opens New Nuclear Discovery Centre in Port Hope (Oct 10)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/mt86yrvb

- WHO tobacco trend report: 1 in 5 adults still addicted to tobacco (Oct 6)

tinyurl.com/3etapxa5

- World Mental Health Day 2025 (Oct 10)

tinyurl.com/576kaj9d

- WHO warns of widespread resistance to common antibiotics worldwide (Oct 13)

tinyurl.com/3kphpvak

- WHO upgrades its public health intelligence system to boost global health security (Oct 13)