



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 31, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 26, 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
October 26, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3ya4kc9a

- What's Up Doc? Vol 18, No 3 (Oct 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario

tinyurl.com/3njntmyc

- Government of Canada celebrates opening of new biotech facility in Concord (Oct 16)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/4a65cv6b

- Responding to urgent needs in communities most impacted by the toxic drug and overdose crisis (Oct 14)

tinyurl.com/24xsjapc

- Federal, Provincial, Territorial Health Ministers' Meeting Statement (Oct 17)

tinyurl.com/273zwcax

- Statement by Health Canada on the Canadian Dental Care Program (Oct 21)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/4hw92wu6

- Prime Minister announces major new investment to power Canada's clean-energy future (Oct 23)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yy39693f

- Improving mental health of Black Canadians (Oct 22)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/2br378s5

- Ontario On Track to Hit Key Primary Care Milestone (Oct 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/d3bn92uk>

- Ontario Supporting Worker Mobility Across Canada (Oct 16)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/2fchzjp2

- Ontario Investing Nearly \$2 Billion to Protect and Expand Long-Term Care (Oct 16)

Ministry of Red Tape Reduction

tinyurl.com/4u5jh54s

- Province Introducing Legislation to Protect Ontario by Building a More Competitive Economy (Oct 20)

Ministry of Sport

tinyurl.com/4sdvyype

- Ontario Investing More Than \$43 million in After School Programs (Oct 23)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/3zvfhc78

- Ontario Investing \$1 Billion to Build Small Modular Reactors at Darlington (Oct 23)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Association of Radiologists

tinyurl.com/y2paputu

- New Report Reveals Medical Imaging Wait Times Costs Canada's GDP \$64 Billion Per Year (Oct 21)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ym43huc8

- Statement – Canadian doctors call on Ontario government to reconsider new residency policy (Oct 15)

tinyurl.com/jutc5fmc

- Statement – Health Ministers missed opportunity to provide solutions to improve access to health care: CMA (Oct 17)

Council of Canadian Academies

tinyurl.com/4vh53tft

- Vital yet vulnerable: Expert panel report examines security risk and resilience in Canada's research enterprise (Oct 21)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2yraj3t2

- FAO Releases Interactive Expenditure Estimates Webpage and Four Reports on Ministry Spending Plans (Oct 23)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/5f2zwna7

- New \$5M research initiative aims to revolutionize cardiac arrest prediction, response and recovery (Oct 16)

tinyurl.com/2c4rdd42

- New CPR guidelines for Canadians released (Oct 22)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/ydh5fpr6

- Traumatic brain injuries in older adults linked to increased risk of dementia (Oct 6)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/5yvdyk39

- 2025 Fall Reports – Opening Statement to the News Conference (Oct 21)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/3kmz9u78

- IPC updates its de-identification guidelines, setting a new standard for responsible data use (Oct 15)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

tinyurl.com/45rm7ux4

- Canadian public drug plan spending grew by \$3.4 billion over 5 years, driven by user of higher-cost drugs (Oct 21)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/bdfzmkwr

- PHO Connections (Oct 20)

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

tinyurl.com/3j5ar7wm

- SOGC Calls for National Stillbirth Strategy and Improved Pregnancy Loss Care (Oct 15)

tinyurl.com/3pk56wj6

- SOGC Statement: Health Misinformation is a Form of Violence Against Women (Oct 2)

Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat

tinyurl.com/427w36ue

- Government of Canada invests to support research excellence (Oct 22)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/4np3cxpd

- Global health security hangs in the balance in a volatile and uncertain world, report emphasizes (Oct 14)

tinyurl.com/3bhfhww3

- Tobacco industry targets WHO FCTC COP and MOP negotiations, Parties urged to stay vigilant (Oct 22)