



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** November 14, 2025

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – November 9, 2025

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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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for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**November 9, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/2fezner9](https://tinyurl.com/2fezner9)**

- Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccines Available for Everyone (Oct 27)

**[tinyurl.com/73arhr4y](https://tinyurl.com/73arhr4y)**

- Animal Disease Reporting Requirements for Veterinarians (Oct 27)

**[tinyurl.com/jn4hrfp](https://tinyurl.com/jn4hrfp)**

- It's Time to Change Your Batteries! (Nov 30)

**[tinyurl.com/39cxkbwr](https://tinyurl.com/39cxkbwr)**

- Eye exams play an important role in a child's overall health (Nov 7)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mrcr2c3u](https://tinyurl.com/mrcr2c3u)**

- Government of Canada releases Budget 2025: *Canada Strong* (Nov 4)

**Department of Justice Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/5n87akv9](https://tinyurl.com/5n87akv9)**

- Protecting Those Who Protect Us: Strengthening Justice for Canada's First Responders (Oct 28)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yv3bvfnh](https://tinyurl.com/yv3bvfnh)**

- Government of Canada tables the 2025 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty (Oct 30)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/zua3x6rs](https://tinyurl.com/zua3x6rs)**

- Canada advances global environmental priorities at the G7 Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting (Oct 31)

**[tinyurl.com/ybjdwtu3](https://tinyurl.com/ybjdwtu3)**

- Canada concludes the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA9), strengthening global efforts to tackle climate change (Nov 1)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2uuc25z8](https://tinyurl.com/2uuc25z8)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – National Pain Awareness Week (Nov 3)

**[tinyurl.com/4tf33uvv](https://tinyurl.com/4tf33uvv)**

- Minister Michel highlights budget investments on Canada's new Climate Competitiveness Strategy (Nov 9)

## **Natural Resources Canada**

[tinyurl.com/97atvnnz](https://tinyurl.com/97atvnnz)

- Chair's Summary: 2025 G7 Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting (Oct 31)

[tinyurl.com/97atvnnz](https://tinyurl.com/97atvnnz)

- Statement on Nuclear and Fusion Energy (Oct 31)

## **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2dhzhc59](https://tinyurl.com/2dhzhc59)

- Government of Canada provides an update on 2025 wildfires as support continues (Oct 30)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Finance**

[tinyurl.com/4vcefx3c](https://tinyurl.com/4vcefx3c)

- Ontario Investing \$1.1 Billion to Protect and Expand Home Care (Oct 27)

[tinyurl.com/2wrxaref](https://tinyurl.com/2wrxaref)

- A Plan to Protect Ontario (Nov 6)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/39p4txwf](https://tinyurl.com/39p4txwf)

- Ontario Providing Free Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines Across the Province (Oct 29)

### **Ministry of Natural Resources**

[tinyurl.com/9d5emzd4](https://tinyurl.com/9d5emzd4)

- Ontario 2025 Wildland Fire Season Officially Ends (Nov 3)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/mpacew3y](https://tinyurl.com/mpacew3y)

- Canada's first lung cancer action plan aims to reduce lung cancer deaths by 30% (Nov 2)

### **Canadian Institute for Health Information**

[tinyurl.com/yaxz6k5u](https://tinyurl.com/yaxz6k5u)

- About 2 in 5 Canadians living with mental health conditions say their mental health care needs are not met (Oct 23)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/yc7832xz](https://tinyurl.com/yc7832xz)

- Statement – CMA welcomes new health commitments but Canadians need care solutions (Nov 4)

### **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health**

[tinyurl.com/32bsrht2](https://tinyurl.com/32bsrht2)

- New CAMH discussion paper calls for increased primary prevention to reduce substance use harms among youth (Oct 14)

### **Food Banks Canada**

[tinyurl.com/yc8re7av](https://tinyurl.com/yc8re7av)

- Canada's 2025 HungerCount shows the cost of inaction – Silent, growing crisis in normalizing hunger and stripping Canada of its human potential (Oct 27)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/6tvksjtn](https://tinyurl.com/6tvksjtn)

- Heart & Stroke applauds move to make National School Food Program permanent (Nov 4)

[tinyurl.com/4wamhp8c](https://tinyurl.com/4wamhp8c)

- \$5M research investment to advance rehabilitation and recovery for women (Nov 6)

### **Office of the Fire Marshal**

[tinyurl.com/bdf5nc8a](https://tinyurl.com/bdf5nc8a)

- Changes Coming to Ontario's Carbon Monoxide Safety Requirements (Nov 1)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/55xuyemm](https://tinyurl.com/55xuyemm)

- IPC participating in 2025 Global Privacy Enforcement Network sweep focusing on the protection of children's privacy (Nov 3)

[tinyurl.com/me5zmdym](https://tinyurl.com/me5zmdym)

- Canada's Information Regulators call on their respective governments to promote a more robust information ecosystem (Nov 5)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/537k9bex](https://tinyurl.com/537k9bex)

- Ontario's Hospitals Welcome Federal Budget Investments to Strengthen Research and Health Care (Nov 5)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/42k2fw3t](https://tinyurl.com/42k2fw3t)

- Nurses urge Ottawa to join global initiative against climate disinformation to protect Canadians' health (Oct 30)

[tinyurl.com/bd58emd3](https://tinyurl.com/bd58emd3)

- RNAO applauds investment in home care; says more needs to be done to boost primary care and nursing (Nov 6)

### **The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/3cz6nvk5](https://tinyurl.com/3cz6nvk5)

- Three in Four Canadians Unaware Diabetes Can Cause Vision Loss, New Survey Finds (Nov 4)

**[tinyurl.com/yek9kyfc](https://tinyurl.com/yek9kyfc)**

- SOGC Disappointed Budget 2025 Does Not Prioritize Women's Health (Nov 5)

**University Health Network**

**[tinyurl.com/5ef7sfk6](https://tinyurl.com/5ef7sfk6)**

- University Health Network's Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Partners with Helix to Test 100,000 Patients for Hereditary Risk of Cancer and High Cholesterol (Nov 6)

**World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/yr5yn5j8](https://tinyurl.com/yr5yn5j8)**

- Climate inaction is claiming millions of lives every year, warns new Lancet Countdown report (Oct 29)

**[tinyurl.com/bdex5d7m](https://tinyurl.com/bdex5d7m)**

- WHO calls for new era of strategic urban health action with global guide to unlock healthy, prosperous and resilient cities (Oct 31)

**[tinyurl.com/234rkzfe](https://tinyurl.com/234rkzfe)**

- Countries make progress on WHO Pandemic Agreement annex on pathogen access and benefit sharing system (Nov 7)