



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 28, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 23, 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
November 23, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mdw3uu36

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2025-2026 School Year (Nov 10)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/mp4as5an

- Statement by the Secretary of State (Children and Youth) on National Child Day (Nov 20)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/576txdav

- Canada leaves COP30 with renewed ambition and deeper partnerships for global climate action (Nov 21)

Global Affairs Canada

tinyurl.com/2ty7952f

- Canada announces commitment to the global fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria (Nov 21)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/5x6993b3

- Statement from the Minister of Health on National Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 18)

tinyurl.com/5n6dtwk9

- Government of Canada acts to permanently control sedative drug linked to illegal drug markets (Nov 19)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/mr95jwyk

- Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada on Canada's Measles Elimination Status (Nov 10)

tinyurl.com/y6jvr3mh

- Message from the Minister of Health on International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Nov 21)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of the Attorney General

tinyurl.com/bdee4zzw

- Ontario Protecting Families by Holding Impaired Drivers Accountable (Nov 18)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/ye2ar7j8

- Ontario Investing \$180 Million to Boost Nursing in Long-Term Care (Nov 12)

Ministry of Transportation

tinyurl.com/zszb8caj

- Ontario Launching Road Safety Initiatives Fund (Nov 13)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Alzheimer Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2et5pt2b

- New report reveals Canadians living with Alzheimer's may not have access to innovative medicines (Nov 17)

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/wr7yf2hv

- Indigenous Membership on Boards of Health Letter (Nov 10)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/53m3n5rb

- New Canadian Cancer Statistics report suggests Canada may fall short of its 2040 goal to eliminate cervical cancer (Nov 17)

tinyurl.com/5bwdzrsh

- More countries now require tobacco plain packaging and graphic health warnings on cigarette packages (Nov 18)

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and Addiction

tinyurl.com/mr2r29nu

- Almost 1 in 4 young people who gamble online report experiencing high levels of gambling-related harm: new report (Nov 14)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/mr2bs2et

- A future where health information connects us all (Nov 7)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/hmdbc9a9

- Canada can regain measles elimination status if we all work together: CMA (Nov 10)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/49vhm9wy

- Longer distances to family physician has negative effect on access to health care (Nov 3)

tinyurl.com/3x2e56h2

- Concussions linked to increase risk of a serious traffic crash (Nov 6)

Office of the Federal Housing Advocate

tinyurl.com/5djhe3zh

- Statement – Canada’s new homes can be both affordable and accessible (Nov 21)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/mwhf9p5b

- Ontario and Alberta privacy commissioners release investigation findings into PowerSchool breach affecting school boards and other educational bodies (Nov 18)

tinyurl.com/f6djyt5m

- Canada’s privacy regulators call for strong protection of children’s privacy in the development and use of educational technologies (Nov 20)

ParticipACTION

tinyurl.com/mrxhupz4

- ParticipACTION releases its 2025 Report Card on Physical Activity for Adults (Nov 19)

Patient Ombudsman

tinyurl.com/39h2mzm3

- Listening, Learning, Leading Change (Nov 13)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/259rmu8k

- PHO Connections (Nov 18)

School Mental Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/2kj5s4x3

- School Mental Health Ontario Launches New One-Hour ‘Intro to MH LIT’ Course for Educators (Nov 13)

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

tinyurl.com/yn6n7bd2

- SOGC Statement on Menopause Hormone Therapy (Nov 10)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/yjymsfjw

- WHO and Brazil urge swift action on Belém Health Action Plan at COP30 (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/57j3ffs3

- WHO launches global guidelines on diabetes during pregnancy on World Diabetes Day (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/4c5jfwzu

- World marks cervical cancer elimination day as countries accelerate action (Nov 17)

tinyurl.com/4k2js5vj

- More countries report rising levels of drug-resistant gonorrhoea, warns WHO (Nov 19)

tinyurl.com/j6hsjavd

- Lifetime toll: 840 million women faced partner or sexual violence (Nov 19)

tinyurl.com/w7bz4hv2

- Global tobacco control conference concludes with decisions on environment, liability (Nov 22)