



# Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – December 7, 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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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**December 7, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

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

- World AIDS Day (Dec 1)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

[tinyurl.com/3hem4ppw](https://tinyurl.com/3hem4ppw)

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency takes further action to protect Canadians from *Salmonella* linked to pistachios from Iran (Dec 2)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

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

- Canada and Ontario agree to one-year extension of the Canada-wide early learning and child care agreement (Dec 4)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

[tinyurl.com/5b8vucfw](https://tinyurl.com/5b8vucfw)

- Statement – Canada at COP30: Advancing a shared vision for inclusive and sustainable climate to keep 1.5 °C within reach (Nov 24)

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

- Government of Canada announces new weather alert system to help protect Canadians in extreme weather (Nov 26)

**Health Canada**

[tinyurl.com/444xty3u](https://tinyurl.com/444xty3u)

- Canadian Dental Care Plan reaches new milestone in Ontario as Government of Canada strengthens access to oral health care (Nov 28)

[tinyurl.com/y2jd5wte](https://tinyurl.com/y2jd5wte)

- Health Canada launches National Wastewater Drug Surveillance dashboard to inform overdose-crisis response and to share data on drug use in Canada (Dec 4)

**Natural Resources Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2xy89frh](https://tinyurl.com/2xy89frh)

- Modernizing Canada's Energy Efficiency Act to improve affordability and effectiveness (Nov 27)

[tinyurl.com/mspd2nn2](https://tinyurl.com/mspd2nn2)

- Canada activates Earthquake Early Warning System in Quebec and Ontario (Nov 27)

**Parks Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2rsy23b7](https://tinyurl.com/2rsy23b7)

- Minister Steven Guilbeault Concludes Participation at COP30, Reaffirming Canada's Leadership on Nature Conservation and Protection (Nov 27)

### **Prime Minister's Office**

[tinyurl.com/c4djd9t8](https://tinyurl.com/c4djd9t8)

- Statement by Prime Minister Carney on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Dec 6)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

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

- Supporting communities to protect youth from substance use harms (Nov 25)

[tinyurl.com/yndv9c7u](https://tinyurl.com/yndv9c7u)

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Indigenous Services on World AIDS Day and Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week (Dec 1)

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

[tinyurl.com/4urmbhk3](https://tinyurl.com/4urmbhk3)

- Government of Canada strengthens the future of federal emergency management (Nov 28)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security**

[tinyurl.com/yc4jws3b](https://tinyurl.com/yc4jws3b)

- Ontario Investing \$19.5 Million to Establish the Centre for Fusion Energy (Nov 28)

### **Ministry of Energy and Mines**

[tinyurl.com/b3ncx82x](https://tinyurl.com/b3ncx82x)

- Ontario Greenlights Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment to Create Nearly 37,000 Jobs (Nov 26)

### **Ministry of Transportation**

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

- Province Cracking Down on Dangerous Driving to Protect People on Ontario Roadways (Nov 25)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Campaign for Justice on Tobacco Fraud**

[tinyurl.com/48vkupay](https://tinyurl.com/48vkupay)

- Health advocacy group publishes severe criticism of the \$32.5 billion tobacco settlement (Dec 3)

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

[tinyurl.com/zpf56vhd](https://tinyurl.com/zpf56vhd)

- Inflation driving Canada's health spending to nearly \$400 billion (Nov 27)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

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

- Canadian doctors predict government actions will reduce access to health care (Nov 24)

### **Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD)**

[tinyurl.com/yp6e4eef](https://tinyurl.com/yp6e4eef)

- Canada's \$1.5-billion Rare Disease Drug Strategy generation 'return on investment' for patients and society but more needs to be done (Nov 25)

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

[tinyurl.com/2zucrv2p](https://tinyurl.com/2zucrv2p)

- Two Years Later – 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline Continues to be there when People in Canada Need it Most (Nov 28)

### **Dalhousie Agri-food Analytics Lab**

[tinyurl.com/4tj9a3jz](https://tinyurl.com/4tj9a3jz)

- Canada's Food Price Report 2026 predicts Canadian families will spend up to \$994 more on food next year (Dec 4)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/24y43va8](https://tinyurl.com/24y43va8)

- Cartoon characters on food packaging often promote unhealthy snacks to kids, study finds (Nov 25)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/bdzap836](https://tinyurl.com/bdzap836)

- Ontario Auditor General Tables 2025 Annual Report (Dec 2)

### **Office of the Federal Housing Advocate**

[tinyurl.com/3myhk835](https://tinyurl.com/3myhk835)

- New report recommends permanent federal investments in human rights-based responses to encampments (Dec 4)

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

[tinyurl.com/3638fesu](https://tinyurl.com/3638fesu)

- Fire Safety Doesn't Go on Sale: Office of the Fire Marshal Warns of Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Risks this Shopping Season (Nov 27)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/34fu7bww](https://tinyurl.com/34fu7bww)

- Ombudsman calls for improved collaboration, proactive planning to prevent unnecessary hospitalization of adults with developmental disabilities (Nov 25)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

[tinyurl.com/4nmb6fvh](https://tinyurl.com/4nmb6fvh)

- Federal Minister of Health tables the 2024 Annual Report of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (Dec 3)

### **Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control**

**[tinyurl.com/mr58m4un](http://tinyurl.com/mr58m4un)**

- Nicotine Pouches are not helping Canadian smokers quit – no matter what Big Tobacco and their allies say (Dec 3)

### **Take Action on Radon**

**[tinyurl.com/5afy3ppu](http://tinyurl.com/5afy3ppu)**

- Radon awareness and lung cancer prevention start from the ground up (Nov 28)

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

**[tinyurl.com/2mjrr8je](http://tinyurl.com/2mjrr8je)**

- SOGC Marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (Nov 25)

### **World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/2xcxzc2f](http://tinyurl.com/2xcxzc2f)**

- UN treaty talks conclude with calls for cooperation to tackle illicit tobacco trade (Nov 26)

**[tinyurl.com/vmah438e](http://tinyurl.com/vmah438e)**

- WHO issues first global guideline on fertility (Nov 28)

**[tinyurl.com/4pfb5mzj](http://tinyurl.com/4pfb5mzj)**

- Measles deaths down 88% since 2000, but cases surge (Nov 28)

**[tinyurl.com/fdb7v23a](http://tinyurl.com/fdb7v23a)**

- New prevention tools and investment in services essential in the fight against AIDS (Dec 1)

**[tinyurl.com/3mks8e84](http://tinyurl.com/3mks8e84)**

- WHO issues global guideline on the use of GLP-1 medicines in treating obesity (Dec1)