



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: December 19, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – December 16, 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
December 16, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/5d6kkmuf

- Food safety essentials for holiday hosting (Dec 11)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Heritage

tinyurl.com/3fnntsr5

- Statement by Minister Miller, Minister Anand, Minister Valdez and Minister Fraser on Human Rights Day (Dec 10)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/4re9m49f

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents winter seasonal outlook and expansion of the Rapid Extreme Weather Event Attribution system (Dec 11)

tinyurl.com/4je65txd

- Government of Canada delivers on Climate Competitiveness Strategy commitment to lower methane emissions from major sources (Dec 16)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/3wfw6eb2

- Celebrating two years of affordable dental care in Canada (Dec 11)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

tinyurl.com/37yn9p3n

- Targeted immigration measures to boost Canada's supply of doctors (Dec 8)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

tinyurl.com/4nja57dd

- Government of Canada launches new initiative to recruit world-leading researchers (Dec 9)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/3swn4eux

- Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Dec 11)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/2vjsxutt

- Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Orthopedic Surgeries (Dec 8)

tinyurl.com/2vpcn4uh

- Statement from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Dec 9)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/mxu59nwu

- Ontario Expanding Access to Culturally Appropriate Long-Term Care (Dec 12)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/4pemb27d

- Ontario Building New Emergency Preparedness and Response Headquarters, Future Home of Ontario Corps (Dec 9)

tinyurl.com/4utfexkz

- Government Continuing to Deliver on Mandate to Protect Ontario (Dec 11)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

tinyurl.com/47vr9x86

- The AGCO is safeguarding minors with new measures to prevent underage access to alcohol and cannabis products (Dec 8)

Canadian Human Rights Commission

tinyurl.com/ys2ndede

- Statement: Rights matter most in hard times (Dec 10)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ykp77dw3

- New survey reveals access to primary care growing, but 5.9 million adults in Canada still lack regular doctor (Dec 8)

tinyurl.com/45cpvjp2

- Canadian Medical Association welcomes new federal measures to fast-track international doctors (Dec 8)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yc39dnf2

- FAO release Expenditure Monitor 2025-26: Q2 (Dec 10)

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2ajfxyh4

- Auditor General of Ontario Reports on Progress Made in Implementing Audit Recommendations After Two and Five Years (Dec 10)

Office of the Fire Marshal

tinyurl.com/3nad7s2x

- Real Stories, Real Safety: Ontario's Holiday Fire Safety Campaign Begins (Dec 12)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/4rnnx399

- Serious Influenza Cases are Growing Rapidly in December (Dec 16)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/3xyykk2a

- PHO Connections (Dec 15)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/5ydwaeu6

- WHO expert group's new analysis affirms there is no link between vaccines and autism (Dec 11)

tinyurl.com/bdcjxszk

- World leaders adopt a historic global declaration on noncommunicable diseases and mental health (Dec 16)