



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2026

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – February 8, 2026

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,

Original signed by

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 8, 2026

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mzuzurta

- Men-C-ACYW-135 Product Update: MenQuadfi™ (Jan 26)

tinyurl.com/3bcb4dj8

- “What’s Up Doc?” Vol 18, No 4 (Jan 27)

tinyurl.com/434m868j

- Shortage of Benzathine Penicillin G (Jan 27)

tinyurl.com/2cphuakf

- Replacement potassium iodide pills to be distributed to residents near nuclear generating stations (Feb 2)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/bd2atscj

- Statement by the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, on the Federal Court of Appeal’s decision regarding the listing of plastic manufactured items under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (Jan 30)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/4c7bwjyp

- Minister Michel highlights the new Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit (Jan 30)

tinyurl.com/yy7t4rxa

- The Government of Canada introduces legislation to build a more connected health care system (Feb 4)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/mr2as5vs

- Ninth Meeting of North American Drug Dialogue (Jan 30)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/sy739v9j

- Ontario Delivers Darlington Refurbishment Project Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget (Feb 2)

Ministry of Natural Resources

tinyurl.com/5ybt5b2w

- Ontario Ready to Welcome Commercial Carbon Storage Projects (Feb 2)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2davyns6

- 2026 Pre-budget Submission (Jan 28)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/5h7wx2ew

- Health data legislation a positive step forward for health system: CMA (Feb 4)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/unzmuyvv

- IPC releases new guidance on AI scribes to help protect patient privacy (Jan 28)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/2xe7a867

- WHO urges schools worldwide to promote healthy eating for children (Jan 27)

tinyurl.com/2wz33pt4

- Communities unite to address stigma and discrimination affecting people with neglected tropical diseases (Jan 30)

tinyurl.com/ps83prer

- Six years after COVID-19's global alarm: Is the world better prepared for the next pandemic? (Feb 3)

tinyurl.com/ms9f9pbf

- Four in ten cancers could be prevented globally (Feb 3)