



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 27, 2026

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – February 22, 2026

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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**  
**February 22, 2026**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3xp6zxtn](https://tinyurl.com/3xp6zxtn)**

- Health Minister Marjorie Michel tables the 2024-2025 Canada Health Act Annual Report in Parliament (Feb 13)

**[tinyurl.com/5c8bve6k](https://tinyurl.com/5c8bve6k)**

- Responding to urgent substance use and addictions needs across Ontario (Feb 18)

**Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4wpeu47a](https://tinyurl.com/4wpeu47a)**

- Canada prioritizes top talent in 2026 immigration Express Entry categories (Feb 18)

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/35tj3cje](https://tinyurl.com/35tj3cje)**

- Minister Gull-Masty announces new support to empower Inuit and strengthen Northern Communities (Feb 19)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3sz89mcn](https://tinyurl.com/3sz89mcn)**

- Government of Canada appoints Dr. Joss Reimer as Chief Public Health Officer (Feb 20)

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

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

**[tinyurl.com/484spcp2](https://tinyurl.com/484spcp2)**

- Ontario Investing \$6.4 Billion to Support Postsecondary Sector's Long-Term Success and Sustainability (Feb 12)

**Ministry of Energy and Mines**

**[tinyurl.com/49x3un9w](https://tinyurl.com/49x3un9w)**

- Ontario Secures Agreement to Advance World's Largest Nuclear Generating Station (Feb 12)

**Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/ycy5zuzm](https://tinyurl.com/ycy5zuzm)**

- Ontario Investing an Additional \$30 Million to Expand Primary Care Workforce (Feb 9)

[tinyurl.com/yc7yuz23](https://tinyurl.com/yc7yuz23)

- Ontario Expanding Access to Diabetes Care in Durham Region (Feb 19)

### **Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development**

[tinyurl.com/59n3jzt7](https://tinyurl.com/59n3jzt7)

- Ontario Launches Canada's First Occupational Exposure Registry to Protect Workers (Feb 20)

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Canadian Climate Institute**

[tinyurl.com/4w2nrkum](https://tinyurl.com/4w2nrkum)

- Climate-proofing infrastructure will save taxpayers billions annually (Feb 9)

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

[tinyurl.com/4yrnz7sk](https://tinyurl.com/4yrnz7sk)

- Aging with dignity in Canada: Perceptions, pressures and planning for the future (Feb 18)

#### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/4r88b3pa](https://tinyurl.com/4r88b3pa)

- CMA congratulates Dr. Joss Reimer, Canada's new Chief Public Health Officer (Feb 20)

#### **IC/ES**

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

- More Ontarians are being diagnosed with psychosis than those born in earlier decades (Feb 2)

#### **Public Health Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/5c644fn](https://tinyurl.com/5c644fn)

- PHO Connections (Feb 19)

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

[tinyurl.com/2v2y8www](https://tinyurl.com/2v2y8www)

- Fales Information, Real Harm: SOGC Addresses Growing Threat of Health Misinformation During Awareness Week (Feb 9)

#### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/5ff9c7sz](https://tinyurl.com/5ff9c7sz)

- One in two people facing cataract blindness need access to life-changing surgery (Feb 11)