



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: April 10, 2026

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – April 6, 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,

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 6, 2026

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/mwtesxmf

- World Tuberculosis (TB) Day – March 24th, 2026 (Mar 24)

tinyurl.com/58awkpcj

- Lyme Disease Update (Mar 26)

tinyurl.com/4b5uce8v

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Through Financial Empowerment #6 (Mar 30)

tinyurl.com/3w64tu5s

- RSV Prevention Program Update (Mar 30)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canada Border Services Agency

tinyurl.com/2dv235a5

- The CBSA is deploying new border services officers and the first specialized fentanyl canine teams (Apr 2)

Canadian Heritage

tinyurl.com/8p26e2dk

- Secretary of State van Koerdeden statement on final report of the Future of Sport in Canada Commission (Mar 24)

Department of Finance Canada

tinyurl.com/3t6drer3

- Government extends excise duty relief, provides direct support to Canadian breweries, distillers and wine makers (Apr 1)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/mt5pmw7n

- Government of Canada extends financial supports for post-secondary students (Mar 23)

tinyurl.com/yc88a3cd

- Canadian Dental Care Plan renewal season opens April 15 (Apr 1)

Global Affairs Canada

tinyurl.com/yc2xc338

- Secretary of State Sarai announces renewed investment in Grand Challenges Canada to advance global health innovation (Mar 27)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/3cbtsb6r

- Joint Statement from the Acting Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and the Chief Medical Officer of Public Health for Indigenous Services Canada on World Tuberculosis Day (Mar 24)

tinyurl.com/3j2xx75z

- Statement from the new Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on the Beginning of her Term (Apr 2)

tinyurl.com/457tbbwx

- Expanding Mental Health and Substance Use Support for Frontline Workers in Ontario (Apr 1)

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

tinyurl.com/y5d2499y

- Federal government strengthens support to address homelessness (Apr 1)

Indigenous Services Canada

tinyurl.com/29adsfe8

- Minister Gull-Masty announces \$738.9 million to strengthen First Nations health, governance, and emergency management (Mar 26)

tinyurl.com/4w757mf3

- Minister Gull-Masty announces nearly \$1.4 billion to strengthen health, wellness and community supports for Indigenous Peoples (Mar 27)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/4ee2z8ye

- Government of Canada strengthens oversight and security for the handling of human pathogens and toxins (Mar 27)

tinyurl.com/48a9jjda

- Government of Canada is taking meaningful steps to better support Canadians with a serious and permanent injury as a result of receiving a Health Canada authorized vaccine (Mar 31)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/mwt6pzbj

- Legislation that strengthens the immigration system and border security receives Royal Assent (Mar 27)

tinyurl.com/4pzbheff

- Government of Canada renews support for gun violence prevention initiatives across Canada (Mar 31)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

tinyurl.com/4eu9b2c9

- Government of Canada launches review of Privacy Act (Apr 2)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Finance

tinyurl.com/bdfxfrvu

- A Plan to Protect Ontario (Mar 26)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/4bmfdejh

- Ontario Increasing Access to Primary Care Across the Province (Apr 1)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/353fdhn3

- alPHa Congratulates Dr. Kieran Moore on his Reappointment as CMOH (Mar 26)

tinyurl.com/mrsrbhe4

- alPHa Welcomes Dr. Joss Reimer as Canada's new CPHO (Apr 1)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/y68bu2zk

- Government of Canada invests \$3 million to strengthen primary care research (Mar 24)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

tinyurl.com/3decrpdu

- Updated statement on proposed changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Mar 25)

Ontario Ombudsman

tinyurl.com/mr2fd93v

- Ontario Ombudsman issues end-of-term report on historic decade of promoting fairness and rights (Mar 24)

Ontario Medical Association

tinyurl.com/5b6k3thc

- Ontario's doctors call on government to fix OHIP (Mar 24)

Ontario Physical and Health Education Association

tinyurl.com/5xkf7hwx

- What Do You Remember from Gym Class? Ophea Launches Gym Shorts Podcast on the Lasting Impact of Health and Physical Education (Mar 30)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/3wrwwesn

- Budget 2026 addresses the need for investments in primary care and home care; but fails vulnerable Ontarians and ignores action on the climate crisis (Mar 27)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/khw5rb8f

- WHO recommends new diagnostic tools to help end TB (Mar 24)

tinyurl.com/3xfsj5te

- WHO calls for action: “Together for health. Stand with science.” to mark World Health Day (Apr 6)