

CORRESPONDENCE – December 2020

- a) Date: 2020 November 16
Topic: Information Break
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: All Health Units

Background:

On November 16, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) issued an update to its members that included information related to COVID-19 Ministry of Health Situation Reports, the Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS) survey that restarts in February 2021, the updated Ontario Public Health Directory and updates on the alPHa's Annual General Meeting.

Recommendation: Receive.

- b) Date: 2020 November 16
Topic: 2019-2020 Annual Community Report
From: Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit
To: All Boards of Health

Background:

On November 16, 2020, the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit shared its Annual Community Report for 2019-2020. The report highlights accomplishments in 2019 and how the organization is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation: Receive.

- c) Date: 2020 November 16
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond
From: Thunder Bay District Health Unit
To: Prime Minister Justine Trudeau and Deputy Prime Minister Chystia Freeland

Background:

On November 16, 2020, the Board of Health for Thunder Bay District Health Unit wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Freeland in support for efforts to provide income solutions to reduce Household Food Insecurity (HFI) and a call to action to consider adequate income solutions that provide long-term income support to the most at-risk and in need.

Recommendation: Receive.

d) Date: 2020 November 16
Topic: Income Security for Canadians
From: Hugues Vaillancourt, Senior Director, Social Policy Directorate
To: Ms. Maureen Cassidy and Dr. Christopher Mackie

Background:

On November 27, 2020, Mr. Vaillancourt wrote to Ms. Cassidy and Dr. Mackie on behalf of Minister Ahmed Hussen regarding the basic income correspondence submitted to Prime Minister Trudeau from the Middlesex-London Health Unit. Refer to correspondence item a) from the [October 15, 2020 Board of Health agenda](#). Mr. Hussen advised that the Government of Canada continues to undertake research and analysis on a range of policies and programs that could positively impact Canada's economy and society. In response to COVID-19 the Government continues to explore policy responses to build a resiliency agenda for the middle class. In addition, the Government of Canada will continue to invest in housing, carry out a campaign to create jobs and support initiative to improve food security.

Recommendation: Receive.

e) Date: 2020 December 03
Topic: Mass Immunization Program
From: County of Lambton
To: Honourable Doug Ford

Background:

On December 3, 2020, the County of Lambton wrote to Premier Ford to inform the Ontario Government that Lambton Public Health is prepared to conduct a mass immunization program and is well positioned to scale-up COVID-19 immunizations locally as needed.

Recommendation: Endorse.