

July 17, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers

SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Preparations and Actions

In follow-up to our last communication, we are pleased to share additional updates from the provincial Health Command Table on key actions that are being taken to address COVID-19:

- **Close monitoring of the impacts of stage 3 reopening and the rapid and effective identification of and response to potential outbreaks.**
 - The Ministry of Health is working closely with Ontario Health, Public Health Ontario and local public health units to support outbreak management.
 - The Command Table reviewed and discussed the latest evidence and public health advice regarding masking.
- **Continued focus on protecting vulnerable and high-risk populations.**
 - The Ministry of Long-Term Care is working closely with Ontario Health and system partners to transition from an emergency response through the existing long-term care IMS structure to a recovery and stabilization structure focused on Fall preparedness planning.
- **Ongoing preparation for the Fall influenza season and potential future waves of COVID-19.**
 - The Ministry of Health and Ontario Health continue to engage with stakeholders on the lessons learned from wave one to inform Fall planning.

We thank you for your continued work to respond to the pandemic and implement a phased recovery.

Sincerely,

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