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**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, including:

- Ongoing review and monitoring of public health and health system metrics to monitor the pandemic, evaluate the pandemic response and support preparedness planning for the Fall influenza season and potential future waves of COVID-19.
  - The Ministry of Health continues to work with Ontario Health to develop clear measures and targets to track progress and inform government decision-making.
- Continued focus to strengthen testing capacity and efforts to support reopening and preparations for the Fall.
  - Command Table reviewed testing trends and findings from targeted testing initiatives. The Ministry of Health and Public Health Ontario will continue to refine Ontario's testing strategy to reflect these findings and other lessons learned from wave one.

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

Sincerely,

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