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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 ensure that Ontario's health care system is prepared for the Fall influenza season and potential future waves of COVID-19, including:

- **Continuing to monitor public health and health system performance metrics and targets:**
 - Command Table continues to closely monitor case trends and support public health units as they address outbreaks.
- **Continuing preparations for potential future waves of COVID-19 by building a stable supply of clinical supplies and equipment:**
 - Command Table reviewed a variety of use scenarios that forecast future supply and demand for clinical supplies and equipment. These scenarios are based on epidemiological models that informed the Ministry of Health's Fall preparedness planning.
 - In general, the current outlook is positive and it is anticipated that there will be sufficient inventory to meet the projected needs over the coming months. Efforts are ongoing to ensure a sustainable pandemic stockpile over the longer term.
- **Ongoing review of emerging scientific evidence on COVID-19 to support and inform the pandemic response.**
 - Command Table reviewed recent evidence related to a potential drug option to improve outcomes for patients with COVID-19 who have been hospitalized.
- **Continuing preparations for the Fall and a potential "wave two" of COVID-19 through additional tabletop exercises:**
 - Ministry of Health and Ontario Health are conducting additional tabletop exercises with local partners to support operational readiness in outbreak scenarios.

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

Sincerely,

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