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To: All Ontario Health Care Facilities:

Subject: **Provincial Directives for SARS**

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for the excellent work your institution and health professionals have undertaken to contain the spread of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome).

We realize the directives outlining the precautions your institution must take have changed frequently since this crisis began. These changes have prompted concern for some. We would like to assure you these changes are based on updated, evolving information and epidemiological data received as the situation unfolds. We review this information carefully and then adjust the directives accordingly.

We will continue to draw on expertise from the field and to gather information in order to inform and adjust the directives.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Dr. Young)

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