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DIRECTIVE TO ALL ONTARIO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REGARDING QUARANTINE

In order to contain the spread of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care directs all Ontario health care facilities and health care providers to take the following action immediately:

- Continue to observe existing quarantine period of 10 days.
- Health Care Workers (HCW's) to be on active surveillance¹ for 4 days following the quarantine period.
- Non health care workers to be encouraged to self-monitor² for 4 days following the quarantine period.

¹ **Active Surveillance:** Applies to WELL people who are not in quarantine, but require regular follow-up by Public Health to ensure they remain well. Their regular follow-up by Public Health is to determine if fever, respiratory symptoms or prodromal symptoms have developed. Twice daily temperature checks are required.

²**Self-Monitor:** Applies to WELL people who are not in quarantine, but are told to observe for fever, respiratory or prodromal symptoms. Twice daily temperature checks are required for people on self-monitoring. Should fever or other symptoms develop, these people are to isolate themselves and contact Public Health immediately.

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