

July 10, 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:

Ongoing provincial and regional preparations for future waves of COVID-19 and the influenza season, including:

- **Updating the Command Table's approach to monitoring outcomes and targets on pandemic progress and response, in alignment with Fall preparations.**
 - This includes continuing to monitor the health system's recovery from the pandemic as well as health system capacity to respond to future outbreaks.
- **Maintaining a focus on capacity planning and preparedness in long-term care homes.**
 - This includes learning from the health human resources and staffing challenges encountered as part of wave 1 to be better prepared for any future outbreaks.
- **Refining plans to effectively manage future waves and support continued provincial reopening.**
 - Planning is focused on maintaining necessary public health measures, ensuring sufficient testing and case and contact management capacity, safely addressing health service backlogs, ensuring surge capacity within the health system and public health and continuing with the progress made through the expansion of virtual care and implementation of Ontario Health Teams.

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

Sincerely,

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