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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 analyze and review key performance metrics and targets to monitor the progression of the pandemic and response to support capacity planning.**
  - Command Table reviewed updated data on primary care utilization and the pandemic impacts on substance use services and suspected opioid related overdoses and deaths.
- **Ongoing review of modeling projections and recent scientific evidence to support and inform government decision-making.**
  - Command Table reviewed:
    - Pandemic progression trends in similar jurisdictions to Ontario and the suggested approach to plan for different epidemiological scenarios over the next 12 months.
    - Recent evidence related to adaptive immunity to COVID-19 and potential interventions to improve patient outcomes.

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

Sincerely,

*(original signed by)*

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