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**MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers****SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Preparations and Actions**

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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:

**Balancing actions to restart the health system and economy, while safeguarding against the further spread of COVID-19.** This includes:

- Working with key partners to implement a **comprehensive and sustainable approach for maintaining access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**.
  - The plan will ensure availability of PPE for crisis management, as well as to support reopening, and includes establishing a stable, domestic supply of PPE in alignment with the government's long-term approach to supply management and procurement.
- **Continuing to plan for the ramping up of health services** in Ontario, including in primary care.
  - The ministry and Ontario Health are working with the Primary Care Advisory Table to provide consistent advice and guidance to the sector on topics including PPE, virtual care, and health human resource best practices.
- **Continuing to protect and support vulnerable populations**, including those in long-term care homes and other congregate settings:
  - Ensuring that the right levels of operational supports are available to stabilize homes in crisis.
  - Working in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces to supplement capacity in long-term care.

We are also working with system partners to enhance public data reporting and visualization to improve transparency and public awareness of the pandemic's progression.

We thank you for your continued work to support the implementation of our provincial efforts to respond to the pandemic and implement a phased recovery.

Sincerely,

*(original signed by)*

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