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MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers

SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Preparations and Actions

This week, the Health Coordination Table focused on the following key actions to enable Ontario's health care system to effectively respond to COVID-19:

- **Implementing additional targeted and locally tailored actions to support high needs communities**
 - These actions focus on increasing access to testing, reducing disease transmission and removing barriers to COVID-19 preventive measures (e.g., facilitating isolation).
- **Identifying best practices that can be leveraged to enable the effective rollout of Ontario's COVID vaccine program, including:**
 - Learning from past primary care influenza campaigns and innovations for high volume flu clinics to inform implementation planning for a successful COVID-19 community vaccine program.
 - Reviewing preliminary findings from published COVID-19 vaccine prioritization frameworks to inform vaccine rollout planning in Ontario.
- **Reviewing recent scientific evidence on the effectiveness of COVID-19 preventive measures.**
 - The Science Advisory Table presented the latest data regarding the use of testing strategies to shorten the quarantine period after travel.

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

Sincerely,

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