

November 4, 2020

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 ensure that Ontario's health care system is effectively responding to COVID-19 and the influenza season:

- **Building capacity across the health care system to support the government priorities outlined in the new [COVID-19 Response Framework to Keep Ontario Safe and Open](#).**
 - Addressing health human resources (HHR) gaps across the system continues to be a priority. Health Coordination Table discussed the current HHR response, including actions underway, and potential options to further scale up capacity.
 - The Table also discussed further enhancements to hospital bed capacity.
- **Reviewing scientific evidence on COVID-19 transmission in Ontario.**
 - Health Coordination Table reviewed the latest data on the different categories and settings of virus transmission and outbreaks to inform government decision-making on targeted efforts to limit pandemic spread.

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

Sincerely,

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