

July 3, 2020

**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:

**Continuing actions to further reduce the number of new COVID-19 cases and prepare for the Fall** including:

- **Developing criteria for the winding-down of the Incident Management System (IMS) structure in long-term care homes** as they become ready to transition from outbreak response and management to a stabilization approach.
  - Staffing capacity has stabilized in all long-term care homes and the final Canadian Armed Forces team concluded its work in the last long-term care home today.
- **Reviewing modelling information to anchor provincial and regional planning for the Fall.**
  - Supporting adherence to public health measures and adjusting as needed to prevent new cases.
  - Preparing for the influenza season and a possible wave 2 of the pandemic, focusing on enhancing capacity to support patients from assessment and testing to care and recovery.
- **Continuing to support the ramp up of all health services, including primary care services.**
  - Working with sector partners to sustain the gains made in the uptake of virtual care services and support a consistent approach to ramping up primary care services across the province.

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

Sincerely,

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