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MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers

SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Preparations and Actions

Today's Command Table focused on closely scrutinizing operational plans to protect residents and staff in Ontario's long-term care homes. These actions are critical to implementing the government's [COVID-19 Action Plan for Protecting Long-Term Care Homes](#) that was released earlier today. This plan includes the following actions:

- 1. Aggressive Testing, Screening, and Surveillance**
- 2. Managing Outbreaks and Spread of the Disease**
- 3. Growing our Heroic Long-Term Care Workforce**

We are convening a special Command Table tomorrow entirely dedicated to problem-solving and addressing any implementation issues to achieve commitments in the *Action Plan*, to ensure there are no barriers to supporting our long-term care residents and staff in this time of crisis.

We will continue to keep you apprised of actions taken in these key areas.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and partnership in the response to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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