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

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 and to support preparedness for the Fall influenza season and potential future waves, including:

- **Continuing to monitor public health and health system performance metrics and targets** to inform health system planning and ensure capacity to both support the delivery of routine health service needs and to prepare for potential surges in cases.
- **Ongoing review of new scientific evidence to support and inform the pandemic response.**
 - Command Table reviewed evidence regarding the potential use of wastewater surveillance as an early warning system for detecting COVID-19 cases and outbreaks. This emerging evidence is being considered as a potential complement to other preventive and protective strategies the ministry is taking particularly for vulnerable populations living in congregate settings.

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

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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