

May 22, 2020

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.

Continued monitoring of key public health indicators to support government decisions on reopening: While significant progress has been made in managing the spread of the virus, the data available as of May 22 suggest additional actions are required to mitigate case growth, including:

- Implementation of a new **Rapid-Response Table**. This table includes Ministry of Health, Ontario Health, Public Health Ontario, and Medical Officers of Health and will leverage the expertise of our public health partners to review emerging outbreaks, issues and trends and deploy provincial, regional and local resources to quickly mitigate spread.
- Continuing to take an **iterative approach to our testing strategy** so we can be responsive to new trends and adjust accordingly.
 - Targets are being developed to ramp up testing to provide valuable information about the spread of the virus in different communities across the province and ensure vulnerable populations are protected.
 - There will be continued surveillance of residents and staff in long-term care homes to quickly identify and contain spread of the virus.

We thank you for your continued work to support the implementation of our provincial efforts to respond to the pandemic and plan for a phased recovery.

Sincerely,

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