

December 9, 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 enable Ontario's health care system to effectively respond to COVID-19:

- **Identifying the logistical supports and requirements to enable the successful deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine across the province.**
 - On December 7th, the government [identified](#) the key populations for distribution of initial COVID-19 vaccines. The Ministry continues to provide advice to the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force to support vaccine rollout.
 - On December 8th, the Ministry of Health convened a special meeting of the Collaboration Table to share information about the critical components of vaccine implementation planning and the need for all delivery partners, including hospitals, public health units and primary care providers, to work seamlessly together to enable a successful rollout.
 - Next steps will focus on the development of standard operating procedures for vaccine deployment and clear communications to delivery partners on who should be immunized and how information will be tracked and reported.
- **Reviewed the latest scientific data and evidence to inform advice to government on the ongoing pandemic response.**
 - The Science Advisory and Modelling Consensus Tables presented the latest COVID-19 case projections, trends and their expected impacts on public health and health system capacity.
 - Detailed data analysis and evidence on COVID-19 impacts in Ontario's long-term care homes will be considered by the government and Long-Term Care Incident Management System to strengthen the response in the long-term care and retirement homes sectors.

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

Sincerely,

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