

June 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers

SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Planning 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:

- **Reviewing the most recent scientific evidence and modelling to inform advice to the province on the ongoing pandemic response.**
 - Ontario Health and Ministry of Health presented the latest COVID-19 case projections and trends, and the impact of the vaccination rollout on health system indicators, with an emphasis on transmission in hotspot regions.
- **Planning for the fall with possible scenarios, in order to prepare for potential impacts of COVID-19.**
 - The ministry facilitated a discussion to proactively plan for the Fall, as the province continues to see a decline in cases and improvement in broader epidemiological indicators, coming out of the third wave of the pandemic.
 - Key topics discussed included: maintaining baseline and surge capacity for testing and contact tracing; developing an early warning system through the determination of key indicators for potential surges; leveraging the existing IMS structure; planning for a potential decrease in the number of available health and allied professionals, as the third waves begins to settle; and continuing to build on the strong surveillance and infection prevention and control measures in congregate and high risk settings.

Sincerely,

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