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**MEMORANDUM TO: Health System Organizations and Providers**

**SUBJECT: Update on COVID-19 Planning and Actions**

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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 recent data on critical care capacity and monoclonal anti-spike antibodies to inform ongoing pandemic response efforts.**
  - The Science Advisory Table presented data on COVID-19 impacts to critical care capacity to date and projections on the ability of the critical care system to accommodate possible future surges.
  - Additional information was provided by the Science Advisory Table on the effectiveness of monoclonal anti-spike antibodies.
- **Supporting the effective retention and sustainable recruitment of healthcare professionals.**
  - The ministry summarized the status of ongoing initiatives aimed to promote retention and recruitment of health professionals.
  - The ministry also outlined several short-term and long-term strategies to continue these efforts in the coming months. Such strategies will aim to broaden training opportunities and accelerate upskilling programs.

Sincerely,

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