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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 the following updates from the provincial Command Table on key actions that are being taken to address COVID-19:

- Continued actions to strengthen and augment the suite of provincial public health measures based on recommendations from the Public Health Measures Table led by Dr. David McKeown. Recommendations under consideration are intended to:
  - Enhance education and reinforce existing measures, where needed:
  - Examine enforcement opportunities for existing measures; and
  - o Introduce new quidance to further protect communities, including the use of cloth masks by the public to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Today the Command Table also held a focused discussion to refine specific longer-term, staged targets for each stream of work so we can measure progress against defined outcomes over the course of this pandemic. Continued diligence to refine these targets, guided by the best modelling information available, will help clarify the challenges ahead, as well as the opportunities to improve health system readiness.

Actively monitoring these updated indicators will further help us manage the spread of the disease and expand our health system capacity with the beds, health human resources and supplies and equipment needed to address surges in activity.

We cannot achieve these outcomes without your continued support. Our collective efforts to date have allowed us to effectively respond to the immediate needs in our communities and we must continue to prepare for the anticipated challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

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