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**MINISTER'S ORDER**

**Issued under subsection 77.7.1(1) of the  
HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.2 (the "Act")**

**RE: REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RESPECTING SUPPLIES OF PERSONAL  
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

**DATE OF ISSUANCE: March 27, 2020**

**ISSUED TO:**

- i. Public hospitals within the meaning of the *Public Hospitals Act*;
- ii. Private hospitals within the meaning of the *Private Hospitals Act*;
- iii. Psychiatric facilities within the meaning of the *Mental Health Act*;
- iv. Independent health facilities within the meaning of the *Independent Health Facilities Act*;
- v. All ambulance services operating under the *Ambulance Act*;
- vi. Long-term care homes under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*;
- vii. Service providers within the meaning of the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*;
- viii. Local Health Integration Networks within the meaning of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* in respect of the home and community care services they provide;
- ix. Homes for special care within the meaning of the *Homes for Special Care Act*;
- x. All centres, programs or services for community health or mental health whose primary purpose is the provision of health care.

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to section 77.7.1(1) of the Act, where the Minister of Health (the "Minister") is of the opinion that there exists or may exist an immediate risk to the health of persons in Ontario from a new or emerging disease, the Minister may issue an order directing any health care provider or health care entity specified under subsection 77.7(6) of the Act to supply the Minister or her delegate with any information provided for in the order;
2. Having regard to the emergency declared by the Government of Ontario on March 17, 2020 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* in response to the outbreak of



COVID-19 in Ontario, I am of the view that there exists an immediate risk to the health of persons in Ontario from a new or emerging disease; and

3. There is a critical need to optimize the availability of PPE to protect Ontario's front-line health care providers against exposure to COVID-19 and, to this end, to maintain a centralized repository of information respecting the availability of PPE supplies across the province.


**I THEREFORE ORDER**, pursuant to my authority under subsection 77.7.1(1) of the Act, that:

- A. The health care providers and health care entities referred to under paragraphs 2, 4, 7, 9, 9.1, 10 and 11 of subsection 77.7(6) of the Act ("Providers") supply to my delegate, Ontario Health, the information relating to their PPE inventories as is specified in the Appendix to this Order (the "Required Information").
- B. Providers supply the Required Information on a **daily basis** in the following manner:
  - (i) Hospitals shall submit the Required Information using the Daily Bed Census tool;
  - (ii) Other Providers shall submit the Required Information by populating the reporting template in the Appendix and by emailing it to the attention of Mike Nader, Chief Transformation Officer of Ontario Health, at: [mike.nader@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:mike.nader@ontariohealth.ca).

Questions about this Order should be directed to Sean Court, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Transformation Division, Ministry of Health at [sean.court@ontario.ca](mailto:sean.court@ontario.ca).

This Order remains in force until revoked.

Dated at Toronto this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



Christine Elliott  
Minister of Health