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MEMORANDUM TO: Board Chairs and Chief Executive Officers of Ontario Public Hospitals

FROM: Mike Heenan
Assistant Deputy Minister
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RE: **Ontario Public Hospitals Assisting and Managing Long-Term Care Homes**

The Government of Ontario has been implementing a wide array of measures to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 outbreak, including providing necessary supports to Ontario public hospitals to more effectively manage critical health human resources and to focus on providing patient care.

To further support Ontario public hospitals in connection with their work in long-term care homes, the Crown in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Health may indemnify public hospitals that, in response to COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care homes, are:

- (i) Deploying one or more staff to one or more long-term care home(s) prior to or pursuant to paragraph 3(i)(a.1) of Schedule A to Ontario Regulation 74/20 made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (the "Emergency Order") and providing assistance as described in section 2.1 of Schedule A to the Emergency Order; and/or
- (ii) Assuming a management role pursuant to an order issued by the Director within the meaning of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* (LTCHA) to a long-term care home licensee under section 156 or 157 of that Act or pursuant to a management contract under section 110 of the LTCHA.

If your hospital is providing assistance of the nature described above, please send the following information via e-mail to Hospitals.Branch-HSQFD@ontario.ca.

- Name of the long-term care home(s) your hospital is supporting.

- Description of the assistance that your hospital is providing to each long-term care home.

Thank you for all that you and your organizations are doing to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Heenan".

Mike Heenan
Assistant Deputy Minister
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c: Anthony Dale, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Hospital Association
Matthew Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Health