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RE: Long-Term Care Recovery and Planning Table

TO: Long-Term Care Sector, Hospital CEOs, Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Units

FROM: Richard Steele, and Dr. Thomas Stewart, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Health System and CEO, Niagara Health

We are writing to advise you about the establishment of the Long-Term Care Recovery and Planning Table.

The Long-Term Care Incident Management Table (LTC-IMS), which was chaired by Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO of the University Health Network, concluded its work recently. As we move beyond the first wave of COVID-19, the Ministry of Long-Term Care and partners are turning our collective attention to ensuring we are prepared for a potential second wave in the fall.

In order to support this essential work, the ministry has established a Recovery and Planning Table to provide expert advice, partner input and implementation oversight to:

- Maintain gains achieved in protecting residents and staff, and managing the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Lead stabilization efforts for the sector, recognizing the varying status of individual homes
- Advise regarding resource and capacity needs and help develop strategies to address them, and
- Support implementation of stabilization strategies.

As co-chairs, we will be working with the table members to ensure that diverse expertise, knowledge and insight informs all preparedness efforts.

If you would like to share any insight from your respective areas, we have provided the list of members.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

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