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Updates: Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

- **COVID-19 Action Plan**
Government of Ontario announced the [COVID-19 Action Plan for Protecting Long-Term Care Homes](#) to keep residents safe.
- **Emergency Order and Directive 3 Update**
Government of Ontario passed emergency order that will come into effect on April 22, 2020 restricting long-term care staff from working at specific multiple facilities. This has also been updated in the CMOH Directive 3.
- **Support for LTCHs and RHs**
A memo was issued outlining additional support for LTCHs and RHs.
- **Hospital Transfers**
A memo was issued to temporarily stop all hospital transfers to LTCHs and RHs.
- **Mask and Outbreak Guidance**
New guidance was announced for the use of masks in LTCHs and RHs. As well, guidance for outbreaks management was updated to align with the Action Plan and Emergency Order.

Please review email attachments for details.

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