
March 17, 2020

Dear residents and long-term care team members,

This morning, Tuesday March 17, 2020 our Provincial Government announced Ontario is in a state of emergency. Read the full press release here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-enacts-declaration-of-emergency-to-protect-the-public.html>

Included in the measures to protect Ontarians is:

- \$50 million for long-term care homes to support 24/7 screening, additional staffing to support infection control and additional supplies.
- \$100 million for increased capacity in hospitals to assist with the effective treatment of COVID-19 patients both in critical care and medicine beds.

We do not yet know how these financial resources will be allocated, or the timing involved. OARC will communicate subsequent details concerning the COVID-19 pandemic as they become available.

Sincerely,



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