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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sector Partners

**RE: Continued Mask and Face Covering Requirements in Certain Settings beyond
April 27, 2022**

I am writing to advise you I have issued a Class Order (herein referred to as "Order") made pursuant to Section 22 under Section 77.1 of *the Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) to continue the requirement for masking in certain settings as of 12:00 a.m. (the first instant of) on April 27, 2022. These limited settings include indoor areas of:

- Public transit including indoor areas and vehicles, but excluding businesses or organizations that provide sightseeing or touring services
- Hospitals, including private hospitals, and psychiatric facilities
- Other health care settings:
 - Clinics that provide health care services (doctors' offices, other medical offices, Community Health Centres, public health/immunization clinics, mental health clinics, etc.)
 - Laboratories and specimen collection centres
 - Independent Health Facilities (e.g., dialysis, birth centres, nuclear medicine)
 - Employees and contractors of home and community care providers
- Long-term care homes

- Retirement homes
- Congregate care settings that provide care and services to medically and socially vulnerable individuals
- Shelters

For a detailed list of settings where wearing a mask will continue to apply, please see refer to the attached Order or visit [here](#).

Please note this Order does not impose any additional requirements to those in currently in place under O. Reg. 364/20 of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* which will expire on April 27, 2022.

Maintaining mask and face covering requirements will provide additional protection in these specific settings and environments where individuals who are, or may be, at increased risk of severe outcomes are in close contact for extended periods of time, such as congregate living settings and on public transportation.

I encourage you to post a copy of this Order at all entrances/exits in all premises in your business or organization, in a conspicuous location visible to the public, that informs individuals on this requirement prior to entering.

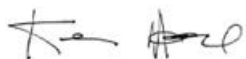
It is intended this Order will remain in place until 12:00 a.m. (the first instant of) on June 11, 2022 unless otherwise extended or revoked. I will continue to monitor and assess key indicators and the COVID-19 situation across the province to assess the need for this and any other public health measures.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, we have come to a place where we know what we need to do to manage this virus and to keep each other safe.

If your organization has any questions about this Order, please do not hesitate to contact your respective Ministry representative or my office via CMOH@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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