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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Homes

FROM: Sheila Bristo
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SUBJECT: **Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Programming Guidance for Long-Term Care Homes**

I am writing to provide the Ministry of Long-Term Care's Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Programming guidance for long-term care homes.

The attached document is intended to provide guidance for all homes in their efforts to protect residents and staff from community and health care-acquired infections.

As you know, licensees are required to meet a number of requirements under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* and O. Reg. 79/10 under the Act related to IPAC programming. This guidance is intended to assist homes with the implementation and delivery of IPAC programs that are evidence-based and consistent with requirements under the Act and current best practices.

Further technical guidance for the adoption and maintenance of IPAC measures can be obtained from [Infection Prevention and Control for Long-Term Care Homes. Summary of Key Principles and Best Practices \(Public Health Ontario, November 2020\)](#)

Please continue working collaboratively with your local public health units on any suspected or confirmed outbreaks.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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