

March 9, 2021

MEMO TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

FROM: Erin Hannah
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SUBJECT: Update regarding V1 – COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection

As I shared yesterday, Ontario's vaccination program continues to make great progress with 95 percent of long-term care residents having received a first dose and over 80 percent of residents fully immunized. Public health units continue to prioritize work with homes to vaccinate staff and essential caregivers through the offer of a first dose as quickly as possible.

Please accept my appreciation for providing vaccine administration data over the past two months. This information was critical to support rapid allocation and distribution decisions and to actively identify where additional support and focus was needed.

Effective Thursday March 11, 2021, the ministry will be transitioning to collecting vaccination data through the COVax system. As such, completion of the ministry's Health Data Collection Service Form: **V1 – COVID-19 Vaccination Data Collection** will no longer be required. I hope reducing the reporting channels will be beneficial as you and your teams continue to focus on the many priorities before you. With this transition, we are asking for some additional information on essential caregivers.

I would like to request that the above mentioned form be completed for a final report to the ministry on Wednesday March 10 where only the following question will be required:

Question 1: How many essential caregivers are registered in your home?

This will be a one-time data collection. Weekly collections will continue on Wednesdays for the **L9 – Long-Term Care Base Information** form related to bed occupancy and testing data. As a reminder, an essential caregiver is an individual who is designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and actively visits the home to provide essential care to the resident.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support to ensure the most accurate long-term care home data possible is available to support our important, collective work.

For any questions related to the Health Data Collection Service vaccine data collection, please contact: AskHealthData@ontario.ca with the subject line of “**LTCH Vaccination Data Collection**”.

Sincerely,

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