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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re: Air-Conditioning and Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Survey

In July 2020, the government committed to taking action to ensure adequate air-conditioning systems are in place for all long-term care homes across the province.

In follow up to the survey completed in July 2020, the Ministry of Long-Term Care (the ministry) is now conducting a follow-up survey on air conditioning systems in long-term care homes. As part of the ministry's efforts to gather information on the current status of cooling, all homes are required to complete and submit the survey by March 1st, 2021.

For the purpose of this survey, air conditioning systems include all mechanical cooling systems that cool the air with components such as refrigerant compressors or absorbers, and desiccant dehumidifiers, and are capable of maintaining air temperature at a comfortable level for residents during periods of hot weather. It also includes cooling towers. Air conditioning systems do not include fans, as they do not cool the air. Furthermore, air conditioning systems do not include merely altering building features (such as the use of window coverings).

In the survey, the ministry is also requesting information regarding implementation of the Infrastructure Ontario 10-Point HVAC Plan, and attendance at associated webinars.

Please refer to the attached template "AC-HVAC Data Collection Request". Instructions on how to submit the report are included in the '**Survey – LTCHomes.net**' tab in the Excel template.

If you have any questions or require further information about the survey, please contact Taslima Nasid at Taslima.Nasid@ontario.ca. For technical questions, please contact AskHealthData at AskHealthData@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving long-term care, especially during the public health challenges presented since the onset of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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Attachments: AC-HVAC Data Collection Request

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