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DATE: November 30, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Long-term care sector operators

FROM: Sheila Bristo
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SUBJECT: **Rapid Antigen COVID-19 Screening Pilot Program**

Further to the November 24, 2020 government announcement, [Ontario Deploys Rapid Testing to Support COVID-19 Response](#), please find attached additional information about the Long-Term Care Antigen Screening Pilot program.

This program is deploying [Panbio](#)TM tests to eligible long-term care homes (homes not in outbreak) interested in participating in this pilot.

The PanbioTM is a rapid point-of-care antigen test that can be administered on-site at a long-term care home by a regulated health professional. It is currently administered through a nasopharyngeal swab and takes approximately 15 minutes to yield results.

The attached Long-Term Care Antigen Screening Pilot: Information Document provides information about the pilot program requirements and how interested homes can get involved.

Long-term care homes can apply to this pilot program by contacting the Ministry of Long-Term Care at Ltc.Info@ontario.ca.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila Bristo".

Sheila Bristo
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Attachment: Long-Term Care Antigen Screening Pilot: Information Document

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