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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Ministers

SUBJECT: New and updated COVID-19 resources

I am writing to provide an update on new and updated occupational health and safety (OHS) COVID-19 resources and are seeking your support in promoting them to your sectors. An inventory of these resources can be found below.

- *Infection Prevention and Control at Work: Basic Awareness Training* is now available in English at www.pshsa.ca/ipacelearning and French at <https://pshsa.ca/pcielearning>.
 - This free, 30-minute eLearning program will equip workers in all types of workplace with information about how infections are spread and what actions workers can take to protect themselves and others from infectious hazards that may exist in their workplace
- The *Guide to developing your COVID-19 workplace safety plan* at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan> has been updated to reflect some regulatory changes under the *Reopening Ontario Act*, to link to the new MOH screening tool for workers, and to provide some additional information related to self-isolation and return to work
- The guide and safety plan template are accompanied by a new *COVID-19 safety checklist* at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-safety-checklist-workplaces>
 - On the sidebar of the same safety plan guide website you will find:
 - [Our guide to using masks in the workplace](#)
 - [Posters for workers](#), and
 - [Guidance for employers](#) to support our Stay Safe All Day campaign which focuses on workplace inspections in areas of high transmission such as break rooms

- Free webinars on how to develop a safety plan, along with several sample safety plans are available at <https://covid19.wsps.ca/resources/ontarios-new-response-framework>
- Updated COVID-19 guidance specific to the construction sector is available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/construction-site-health-and-safety-during-covid-19>
- Employer guidance on self-isolation and return to work is available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-self-isolation-and-return-work#:~:text=Workers%20can%20return%20to%20work,isolating%20for%20the%20full%20period>

The ministry is currently developing guidance to address OHS aspects of rapid antigen testing, as well as vaccination. Once this guidance is finalized, it will be shared with you for distribution.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathleen Therriault, Pandemic Workplace Safety Branch Director, at Kathleen.Therriault@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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