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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

FROM: Richard Steele
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Long-Term Care

SUBJECT: **Sequestering Long-Term Care Home Staff at Hotels or Other Accommodation**

Protecting long-term care home residents and staff from the risk of COVID-19 remains our top priority.

I am writing to encourage you to consider offering long-term care home staff the opportunity to sequester at hotels or other accommodation in order to help prevent transmission of the virus. Sequestering of staff may reduce the risk of staff acquiring the virus in the community and may assist in maintaining appropriate staffing levels.

This arrangement should be available to staff working at homes experiencing outbreaks or located in high-infection areas.

COVID-19 prevention and containment funding can be used for the costs of sequestering staff in hotels or other accommodation for staff where those costs are incremental and are incurred to prevent and contain COVID-19. This funding continues to be provided to long-term care homes to offset costs for screening, staffing, supplies and other measures necessary to prevent and contain outbreaks.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,



Richard Steele
Deputy Minister

cc:

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