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To all Long-Term Care Home Operators

Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing to inform you of upcoming activities by Elections Ontario, where officials are beginning preparations for the provincial election which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Elections Ontario has a legislative requirement to finalize and post all potential voting locations that will be used in a provincial general election 6 months prior to polling day for public feedback. Elections Ontario also has a legislative mandate to ensure that all eligible Ontarians, including those who live in long-term care homes are able to vote in the coming weeks, officials from Elections Ontario will be contacting you to gather information about your home. Elections Ontario has advised us that they expect that most of this information can be gathered virtually. However, in some cases, an onsite visit may be necessary.

Elections Ontario's Returning Officers will be gathering a range of information about Homes which will be used in election preparations and they also may ultimately be setting up a mobile voting location in your home on the day of the election.

Elections Ontario uses a checklist to collect information regarding the space that will be used for a voting location. The checklist is attached with this memo, for your information.

The purpose of the checklist is to collect the following information:

1. Compliance with AODA requirements
2. Lease agreement information
3. Poll layout to identify where poll officials will be situated on polling day

Please be reassured that the Ministry of Long-Term Care is working with Elections Ontario to keep their staff informed of applicable public health directives, policies and other requirements which must be met in order for their personnel to enter Homes. We are very mindful of how difficult the last year has been and the challenges associated with admitting individuals into Homes. Given the nature of the work of Elections Ontario personnel, please note they should be considered essential visitors (i.e. support workers) and are subject to related surveillance testing and screening requirements.

We are also committed to working with Elections Ontario and long-term care operators to ensure that residents are able to vote, while doing so in a way that lessens disruption for operators and keeps residents, staff and caregivers safe.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation with Elections Ontario officials. Please note that Elections Ontario only has responsibility for provincial elections. If you have questions about preparations for municipal or federal elections, they should be directed towards municipal clerks or Elections Canada.

Lastly, should you have any questions about this memo please contact Jacky Sweetnam, Manager, Emergency Support, Ministry of Long-Term Care at Jacky.Sweetnam@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance with Elections Ontario and thank you again for your commitment to the health and safety of your residents.

Sincerely,



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Att: Elections Ontario checklist

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