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Re: Facilitating Strengthened Adherence with COVID-19 Screening and Testing Requirements under Prevention and Containment 2021-22

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

The Testing Adherence Program provided up to \$41M in funding in the 2020-21 funding year to support critical testing and screening requirements in long-term care homes across Ontario. I am writing to confirm that the 2021-22 Testing Adherence program will be funded through the Prevention and Containment fund.

Prevention and Containment funding is intended to support incremental expenses and provide flexibility to prevent and contain COVID-19 and is not limited to specific expenditure categories.

Homes are still required to comply with applicable screening and testing requirements, including those in Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and in the Minister's Directive COVID-19: Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes, issued by the Minister of Long-Term Care.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the ministry by e-mail at LTC.info@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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