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DIRECTIVE TO ALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN ONTARIO

Note: “Central and Eastern Ontario” is defined as the following counties and regions: Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, Northumberland, Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Renfrew, North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, South Frontenac, and Prince Edward

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care directs all health care facilities in Central and Eastern Ontario to adopt heightened vigilance in the detection and monitoring of infectious respiratory illnesses.

Effective immediately, all health care facilities in this area are directed to:

- Use the SARS Screening Tool to screen patients, staff, volunteers and visitors when entering the facility.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (SARS precautions), including N95 mask or equivalent, gown, gloves and protective eyewear, in all patient care areas.
- Initiate active surveillance to identify cases early in an outbreak, or in anticipation of an outbreak, and to identify the most appropriate infection control precautions.
- Ensure that staff do not work when they are feeling sick.

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