

## **SARS Provincial Operations Centre**

May 2, 2003

### **Communication regarding Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

To: All Healthcare Facilities in Ontario

Re: Update regarding "Mother's Day", May 11, 2003

At this time, flexibility to accommodate gatherings for Mother's Day will be permitted in all Ontario healthcare facilities, maintaining the following restrictions:

- All visitors must be screened as per provincial directives prior to entering the facility. Anyone who fails the screening tool will not be permitted entry into the building.
- The Ontario healthcare facility must continue to maintain a list of all visitors into the facility.
- The number of visitors per resident must be reviewed by the facility to ensure that appropriate control can be maintained to ensure the safety of both residents and staff. It will be up to the individual facility's discretion as to whether more than one visitor per resident will be allowed, but it is recommended that numbers continue to be somewhat limited.
- Infection control principles must be followed when considering refreshments to be served at the gathering and how it will be distributed. Individual servings are expected.

Thank you for your support during this initiative.