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**DIRECTIVE TO ACUTE CARE FACILITIES IN THE GREATER TORONTO
AREA (TORONTO, YORK, PEEL, DURHAM REGIONS AND SIMCOE
COUNTY) (GTA)**

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care directs acute care facilities in the GTA to take the following action immediately:

- Reduce the volume of patient activity to allow the hospital to continue to respond to Emergency Department needs.

It is anticipated that this will require the curtailment of ambulatory activity, booked procedures and non-urgent surgeries.

Hospital for Sick Children, University Health Network and Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital are exempt from this directive.

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Public Safety

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