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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health

RE: Opening Certain Seasonal and Other Essential Businesses

I am writing to advise you that today, the government announced changes that will permit opening certain seasonal and essential businesses, starting early next week.

Effective May 4, 2020, the following seasonal and essential businesses will be allowed to open:

- Lawn care and landscaping services.
- Garden centres and plant nurseries, for curbside pickup only.
- Golf courses, to prepare for the season but not for public use.
- Marinas, to prepare for the season by servicing watercrafts and placing boats in the water, secured to a dock until the marina is open to the public.
 - Marinas can only let people use their boats to go to their primary place of residence.
 - Marinas can support government operations and services and commercial barges that transport items.
- Auto dealerships, by appointment only.
- Automated and self-service car washes.
- More essential construction projects:
 - Site preparation for commercial, industrial or residential developments.
 - Projects that increase capacity in schools and municipal infrastructure.
 - Projects that increase IT and telecommunications service capacity that were commenced before April 4, 2020.
 - Projects that increase capacity in businesses that provide logistical support, distribution services, delivery services, warehousing or storage.

While these workplaces are being permitted to open, it is critical that public health continue to reinforce key messages about public health measures — maintain physical distancing, handwashing, and stay home unless absolutely necessary for essential trips, such as such as accessing health care services, groceries, picking up medication, walking pets when required, or supporting vulnerable community members with meeting essential needs. I trust you will continue to promote these important messages.

If you have any questions about the changes made today, please contact Chris Harold, A/Manager, Integrated Strategy and Policy Coordination, at chris.harold@ontario.ca, or Colleen Kiel, Director, Strategy and Planning at colleen.kiel@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Williams".

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