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

FROM: Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT: Enhancing COVID-19 contact tracing and management

Dear colleagues:

Like public health units, the government continues to take decisive action to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

However, we must do more given the ongoing and increasing incidence of community transmission across the province.

Given the increasing number of cases, all public health units should implement more aggressive contact tracing and management as we work collectively to flatten the curve. As such, I am strongly recommending that Medical Officers of Health use their authority under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act to ensure isolation of cases and contacts of COVID-19.

The ministry is committed to provide you and your teams with ongoing assistance and support as you complete this important work.

Thank you for your ongoing action and commitment.

Yours truly,

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