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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons, Boards of Health
Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Units
Chief Executive Officers, Public Health Units

RE: **Extraordinary Expenses Associated with COVID-19**

We acknowledge the extraordinary and continuing efforts by boards of health to monitor, detect, and contain COVID-19 in the province.

As a follow-up to our ongoing discussions, I want to reiterate that boards of health are expected to take all necessary measures to respond to COVID-19 in their catchment areas while continuing to maintain critical public health programs and services as identified in their pandemic plans.

Given the impact of COVID-19, we anticipate that many boards of health are incurring additional expenses in support of these efforts. As announced by the government on March 25, 2020, the province is investing up to \$100 million in additional funding for the public health sector to support extraordinary costs incurred. We wish to assure you that a process for reimbursement of approved one-time extraordinary costs incurred in managing your response to COVID-19 will be forthcoming. Similar to previous processes, we ask that these costs be those over and above what can be managed from within the budget of the board of health, and that you track these costs separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Brent Feeney, Manager, Funding and Oversight, at 416-212-6397 or by email at Brent.Feeney@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,



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Chief Medical Officer of Health

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