

Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO)

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Transmitted by email: dr.david.williams@ontario.ca

Dear Dr. Williams:

Re: Directive #2 (March 19, 2020) – Essential Services of Ontario's Regulated Health Professions

Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO) is the organization that brings together the 26 regulated health professions' Colleges, and I am writing to you as the President of HPRO. Colleges are preparing for the time, which appears to be approaching, when non-essential healthcare services will begin to be provided again in Ontario. Issues such as reviewing infection control guidelines are top on our list of priorities.

To that end, could you share your thoughts regarding the timing of the reinstitution of nonessential service provision, similar to hospitals restarting non-urgent procedures and elective surgeries? Additionally, while we recognize that a specific date might not be able to be projected yet, we do want to ask that Colleges be advised in advance of easing the restrictions imposed by Directive #2 so that we can prepare for communications with our registrants.

In closing, on behalf of the HPRO Board of Directors, I want to extend thanks and appreciation to you and your team for the countless hours of dedicated service you have provided for the people of Ontario during this time of crisis.

Most sincerely,

Kevin Taylor President

 cc. Clint Shingler, Director Health System Emergency Management Branch, MOH Allison Henry, Director, Health Workforce Regulatory Oversight Branch, MOH HPRO Board of Directors Richard Steinecke, Legal Counsel