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STATEMENT

The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) released the following statement related to the Emergency Order:

“Ontario’s long-term care homes are on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19, and today’s Emergency Order by the Ontario Government ensures they can do everything possible to protect residents, staff and their families. Premier Ford, Minister Fullerton and the Cabinet are taking the bold action the province needs to prioritize the health and safety of our most vulnerable and those who support them. As part of our ongoing discussions with the Ontario Government, we are encouraged that they are providing long-term care homes with the tools they need to stay ahead of this pandemic.

Ontario’s long-term care homes are the heart of their communities, and they know staff, resident and community needs best. They also know how to best coordinate with their partners like primary care, emergency services, colleges and universities, and hospitality to ensure exceptional resident care. This Emergency Order will mean they can respond quickly to the needs in their community, like hiring resident care aides to fill the gaps created by this pandemic so staff can focus on care and less on arduous documentation.

COVID-19 represents a significant risk, and Ontario’s long-term care homes are ready to take it on as leaders in disease and infection control. Seniors have contributed immensely to our society, and now it’s our turn to do whatever it takes to provide exceptional care to them.

Across the province, Ontarians have put their hands up to help each other, and soon they will be able to directly support the health and safety of long-term care residents.”

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