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On behalf of alPHa Executive Director Loretta Ryan, I am pleased to provide you with this update on the Province's plans for Public Health Modernization as initially announced in the 2019 Budget.

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On April 11, 2019, the Ontario Government tabled its 2019 Budget, which contained plans to significantly restructure Ontario's public health system, including a replacement of its 35 health units with 10 new regional public health entities along with new boards that would be under a common governance model. In addition, the budget included adjustments to the provincial-municipal cost sharing formula. There were no details presented on the proposed structure. alPHa made a commitment to its members at that time to strongly represent the public health sector and to provide new information as it becomes available. In keeping with this, alPHa created a public health modernization resource page for members where updates on alPHa activities, responses from members and other stakeholders, and related information are posted. This page continues to be regularly updated.

We have new information that we would like to share:

- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is now consulting with the public health sector on aspects of the new regional public health approach for the purpose of informing legislation that alPHa understands is planned to be introduced in the fall.
- The alPHa Executive is representing the Association on a Public Health Technical Table and will serve as the point of contact for members during stakeholder consultations.
- alPHa recognizes the importance of having the wider public health sector as part of this process. Towards this, alPHa is working to ensure there is an opportunity to provide expertise and advice to the government on a regional approach.
- As a first step, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, will be speaking to alPHa members at the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference on Tuesday, June 11th in Kingston. For those who cannot attend this session, we will be sharing the materials with the broader membership following this event.
- Through the Public Health Technical Table, we will also be discussing a process for the broader consultation with the membership that will likely occur during the summer (given timelines), along with opportunities for regular communications updates to our members on the modernization process.

alPHa is committed to strongly representing the public health system. We look forward to hearing

input from members and providing engagement opportunities.

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