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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and

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SUBJECT: Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine for Frontline Police

Officers and Special Constables

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Further to All Chiefs Memos 21-0023, 21-0025 and 21-0051, I am writing to provide an update on Ontario's phased vaccination plan and prioritization as it relates to first responders.

Due to increased COVID-19 vaccine supply, the province is enabling high-risk health care workers to book their second dose appointment earlier than the extended fourmonth interval. Those eligible to receive their second dose of the vaccine include police officers and special constables providing medical first response as part of their regular duties. These groups face a greater risk of contracting and suffering serious illness from COVID-19. Eligibility for booking will begin by the end of the week of May 10, 2021, with booking details to be announced by the government in the coming days. Further details of the announcement are available here.

I want to thank police chiefs and their services for their ongoing patience and understanding as vaccines are administered at the local level. With this recent announcement, I am pleased that more individuals within each of your services will now be able to book their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

As always, the Ministry of the Solicitor General will continue to emphasize the prioritization of the health and safety of our first responders.

Thank you for your sustained efforts to keep our communities safe and for continuing to emphasize the health and safety of front-line police personnel.

Sincerely,

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