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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**RE: Provincial Supports for COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

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Ontario recognizes the considerable time and resources necessary for public health units to continue to effectively respond to COVID-19 and support pandemic recovery, including leading the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine program in our communities.

In recognition of these unique circumstances, public health units will have continued opportunities to request reimbursement of COVID-19 extraordinary costs, including vaccine related expenses, for the 2023 funding year.

We are also providing further stability to public health units by investing approximately \$31 million in additional funding to extend the School-Focused Nurses Initiative for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. This extended funding enables the continuing support of safe in-person learning for students for the remainder of the school year.

This funding is in addition to the recently announced investment of approximately \$47 million to extend the cost-sharing mitigation funding through 2023.

Ontario will continue to work with public health and municipal sector partners to monitor capacity and funding requirements for the COVID-19 response and ensure critical public health services are maintained and delivered for the benefit of all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvia Jones".

Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Associate Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Units  
Business Administrators, Public Health Units