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STATEMENT

The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) released the following statement related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

“Ontario’s long-term care homes support our most vulnerable and have long been leaders in prevention and management of respiratory outbreaks to protect residents, their families and staff.

COVID-19 is a significant risk across the province, and while we wish additional measures were not needed, we welcome action from Minister Merrilee Fullerton, on the advice of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, to limit access to essential visitors. There will now be increased screening of staff, essential visitors and new and returning long-term care residents, with additional efforts to keep families in touch with their loved ones through technology.

The OLTCA and its members have been at the forefront of this issue, and we are pleased to partner with government and other organizations as we advocate for proactive, precautionary measures.”