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Mr. Daniel Fontaine  
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Dear Mr. Fontaine:

As you are aware, on March 26, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), Dr. Bonnie Henry, released two orders in response to COVID-19: the *Long-Term Care Facility Staff Movement Limitation* and the *Information Collection to Allocate Staff Working in Facilities* orders. These orders put measures in place to ensure employees work at only one facility to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The *Long-Term Care Facility Staff Movement Limitation* order restricts employees working at multiple long-term care worksites to a single site. This bridging order is in place while a more centralized approach to staffing is planned and is anticipated to be implemented by the Provincial Health Office and the Ministry of Health. As part of this process a health staffing website has been created. Provider employees who work at multiple worksites are permitted to state their preference in site selection; the employer may not assign employees to specific sites. The deadline for employees to submit their preference through the BC health staffing website, [www.bchealthstaffing.ca](http://www.bchealthstaffing.ca), is Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 12:00 pm. All efforts will be made to meet employee preference and decisions are tentatively set to be communicated by end of day on April 2, 2020.

The *Information Collection to Allocate Staff Working in Facilities* order requires providers to collect specific employee information and provide this to the PHO office in order to inform staffing allocation decisions.

Details of these two orders can be found in the attached documents. Please share with your members as soon as possible.

As these orders are to be implemented immediately, it is important that this information is shared with your members on an urgent basis so that those workers who are at multiple worksites may state their preference for site selection. Thank you for your support during this time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Armitage", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Mark Armitage  
Assistant Deputy Minister

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