

Sunday, April 5, 2020

## **COVID-19 REPORT**

Projected cases of COVID-19 would be 300,000 by April 30 if there were no interventions. Current interventions reduce that prediction to 80,000. Full measures can reduce it to 12,500. Of the predicted 6,000 deaths by April 30, 4,000 will be prevented by the current action. With current interventions, projected deaths by April 30 is 1,600. The full application of future intervention can reduce that number to 200.

On Friday, Matthew Anderson, President and CEO of Ontario Health, Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown, Dean of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, and Dr. Peter Donnelly, President and CEO of Public Health Ontario, held a media briefing on COVID-19 provincial modelling. Several scenarios reveal the potential number of cases and deaths. This provides full transparency about the consequences of COVID-19 and the role of current public health measures.

Models are used to plan for what could happen. The farther out the prediction, the more uncertain the model. There is more confidence in the projections for the next 30 days than in the longer term projections. The Ontario model is based on how the disease spread and what is known from other countries.

Public health measures so far have made a difference and we need everyone to stay focused on these: stay home, stop the spread, stay safe. These measures will avoid the health care system being overwhelmed and the consequences to Ontarians, as we have seen in other jurisdictions in Europe and in the United States.

Benefits are based on the assumption that people will follow the current public health measures. “If there are people with COVID-19 infections moving between health care facilities, there could be larger outbreaks.”

Changes to ADP-funded oxygen. The MOH are temporarily waiving the requirement for first-time applicants to meet the Program’s medical eligibility criteria. See the attached memo.

The Vision of OLTCC is “All Ontarians in long term care will receive excellent care.” OLTCC’s Mission is to promote education and advocacy. The Vision of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) is “To be the trusted voice in transforming Ontario’s health care system.” The OMA Mission is to “Advocate for and support doctors. Strengthen the leadership role of doctors in caring for patients.” OLTCC works with the Executive of the OMA Section for Long Term Care and Care of the Elderly. Clarity on the monthly management fee and virtual care was in yesterday’s COVID-19 Report. “W010 LTC monthly management fees in nursing homes would continue to be payable with documentation of virtual visits in the patient’s chart.” To best receive this information from the OMA please ensure you are currently a member of the Section on Long Term Care and Care of the Elderly:

1. Log into the OMA website OMA Website ([www.oma.org](http://www.oma.org)) and click "Sign in" in the top right corner.
2. Click "View my profile" then select "groups" on the left side and then click "Join another Secondary Section" to add our section.
3. Click "Profile" from the left and scroll down to find "Constituency Email Consents" and click "Constituency Email Service" ensure you allow me to update you with these changes. Click "Email sharing" if you would like to share your email address with me, but that will not be necessary to receive updates.

If you have questions, contact Chair of the Section, Dr. Hugh Boyd  
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The OMA Section on Palliative Medicine is hosting a ‘Palliative Care and COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Session’ on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All OMA are members welcome to attend. At this session, we will have Dr Bob Sauls, the clinical lead of the Ontario Palliative Care Network (OPCN) will speak. This webinar an opportunity to discuss challenges, ideas, and solutions in providing palliative care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. For this session, please ensure to RSVP and submit questions you’d like to have addressed during the session in advance, during registration.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://oma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8bTUgc9DQLSPSuBjv3CjTq](https://oma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8bTUgc9DQLSPSuBjv3CjTq)