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## Letter to all Ontario Health Care Providers

On May 23, 2003, health care organizations, health care workers and individual practitioners were advised of the new cluster of SARS patients in Toronto and York Region.

News of this outbreak was disappointing for us all as we know the ongoing strain this disease has placed on our healthcare system and the toll it has taken on the individuals and families affected by SARS.

In order to combat this disease, all facilities and health care workers must follow the directives that have been issued by the Provincial Operation Centre and those currently issued by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's SARS Operations Centre. These directives are designed to ensure the safety of patients and health care professionals.

We cannot condone the actions of any organization or individual practitioner who chooses to modify the processes and precautions outlined in these directives.

Compliance with provincial directives is mandatory.