

# HOT SHEET

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## Urgency of decision-making

### Why are we moving so quickly?

- The rate of new cases is increasing. Using what we know about reducing the spread of this virus, we need to act quickly to decrease the number of new cases and to protect our most vulnerable populations.
- An effective public health response requires policies and plans that prevent the spread of the virus and assure care for those who are ill. We recognize that the rapid pace of the response and changes in our response present a challenge to community partners and stakeholders.
- We continue to prioritize our attention where the need is the greatest including addressing urgent issues at Life Care, other long-term care facilities and congregate settings with highly vulnerable people.