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MEMORANDUM TO: Provincial Stakeholder Collaboration Table Members
Provincial Command Table Members

FROM: Helen Angus
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RE: **Personal Protective Equipment**

As you are all aware, there is a world-wide shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the government and our partners are working day and night to secure additional supply.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has asked Canadians not to dispose of their used PPE but to save it for potential reuse. While we are waiting on the evidence and guidance for reuse, Ontario Health is asking hospitals to store used PPE securely and is distributing a survey to understand hospital capacity for reprocessing, based on promising technologies to safely reuse PPE.

This preparatory work is being done pre-emptively to ensure that we are ready for all possible scenarios.

We look forward to receiving further guidance on this important matter and will share it with you as soon as we do. The Command Table will also share information about any plans on this topic as we consider evolving evidence and guidance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "HEA", written over a horizontal line.

Helen Angus