

## McKenna, Neil

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**From:** Khalil, Samantha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:49 PM  
**To:** Broadhurst, Jeremy; Chin, Ben; Clow, Brian; Duchesneau, Olivier; Goodman, Sarah; Stickney, Matt; Surkes, Marci; Telford, Katie; Thalmann, Brett; Ahmad, Cameron  
**Cc:** Davis, Kathleen; Belliveau, Sébastien  
**Subject:** Re: RFA - Ontario

Hi,

Below is a draft version of the potential Ontario RFA for Long term care facilities. The Ontario Solicitor General is working with the public safety regional office and the Canadian Armed Forces. At this time, CAF is broadly supportive.

Once a final version is received, we will get the recommendation from Public Safety with CAF confirmation of their support. We anticipate that the final version may come late this evening.

The current draft requests:

- Assisting if required with the delivery of Federally or Provincially-sourced essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to LTCFs receiving Federal support;
- Providing assistance with civilian patient management including medical care of LTCF occupants;
- Providing other general duty assistance to support the operation of the LTCF; and
- Assist in the coordination of nursing and logistical requirements, as well as longer-term personnel management and planning as regional authorities re-orientate existing and incoming resources for LTCFs.

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Dear Minister Blair,

Over 127 long-term care facilities (LTCF) in Ontario now have COVID-19 outbreaks. Six of those LTCFs are suffering from acute outbreaks. Meanwhile, high levels of staff absenteeism caused by illness and mental duress have exacerbated the situation. Despite significant efforts on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and Regional Health Authorities, the situation continues to deteriorate. The Government of Ontario has made concerted efforts and made public appeals for volunteers, bringing retirees back into service, using provincial and federal rosters and contracting non-governmental organizations to respond to this situation at Ontario Long Term Care facilities. Despite these efforts, there continues to be real and immediate risks to the vulnerable citizens. ON is therefore requesting the support of the federal government in the form of trained medical and associated support staff to provide humanitarian relief [and medical support] to select LTCFs, in order to temporarily relieve pressure on provincial healthcare and personal support workers in order to create space for regional officials to re-establish adequate care at LTCF through alternate means. Federal support is

requested urgently for an initial period of 14 days after which the need will be reassessed, but for no more than 30 days.

Specifically, Federal assistance is requested to provide the following support:

- Assisting if required with the delivery of Federally or Provincially-sourced essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to LTCFs receiving Federal support;
- Providing assistance with civilian patient management including medical care of LTCF occupants;
- Providing other general duty assistance to support the operation of the LTCF; and
- Assist in the coordination of nursing and logistical requirements, as well as longer-term personnel management and planning as regional authorities re-orientate existing and incoming resources for LTCFs.

Should the Canadian Armed Forces be deployed in support of this Request for Assistance, I understand that some of their members will not be regulated health professionals. I also understand those Canadian members that are from regulated professions, such as nurses or physicians, may be members in good standing with a different provincial regulatory authority. In both cases, I will make arrangements to ensure that appropriate credentials are provided to Canadian Armed Forces members providing medical care, or will ensure that they are exempt from the application of relevant provincial laws and regulations, and professional bodies. Further, the Province of Ontario will indemnify and hold harmless both the individual Canadian Forces members, and the Government of Canada, with respect to care provided by the Canadian Armed Forces members in responding to this request.

On Apr 21, 2020, at 2:10 PM, Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

The premier did not announce this today. We will let you know when the request comes in.

On Apr 21, 2020, at 12:53 PM, Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi,

We're expecting to receive this today. DPMO has flagged the Premier will also mention it in his press conference shortly.

Sam

On Apr 20, 2020, at 5:45 PM, Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi,

Premier Ford was asked about this at his press conference today. He said that he had spoken with General Vance about potential assistance in LTC homes, and that Ontario is not at that point yet but that “nothing is off the table”.

On Apr 19, 2020, at 8:34 PM, Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi all,

Minister Blair’s office has informed us they are expecting an incoming RFA from Ontario looking for assistance with long-term care facilities across the province.

No further details yet.

**Sam Khalil**

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