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COVID-19 Updates: Pre-Screening and Province's Plan for the Second Wave

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Note: this blog post has been edited to include clarification of the below update on pre-screening.

It has been a particularly busy and newsworthy couple of weeks! And it's October already! We hope everyone is managing well and taking care of themselves.

Here are a couple of COVID-19 related updates:

New COVID-19 related Regulation

The Province has put in place additional instructions "to ensure the continued health and safety of Ontarians, reduce the risk of transmission, and limit future outbreaks of COVID-19". This includes a requirement for businesses or organizations to comply with any advice, [recommendations](#), and instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on screening for COVID-19. The rules are part of [Ontario Regulation 364/20, "Rules for Areas in Stage 3"](#) under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#).

[Ontario News Release on New Public Health Measures Implemented to Keep Ontarians Safe.](#)

Provincial Plan for Second Wave

On September 30th, the Province released its plan for preparing for the second wave said to be worth \$2.8 billion.

There are 6 areas identified for action:

1. Maintain strong public health measures including continued expansion of testing and case and contact management:
2. Implement flu immunization campaign, said to be the largest in Ontario's history
3. Identify, manage and prevent COVID-19 outbreaks through quick response
4. Reduce health services backlogs

5. Prepare for case surges
6. Recruit, retain, train and support health care workers and engage families and caregivers. This includes: supporting long-term care homes through a Long-term care preparedness plan with \$540m investments and; the earlier released Provincial Back-to-School Plan and \$234.6m Safe Restart Agreement funding for child care and early years programming.

[Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19](#)