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The Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier,

Today, public health officials provided the best available modelling on the COVID-19 crisis for all Ontarians to see.

I thank you for releasing this information because it must drive the decisions moving forward to curtail COVID-19 and keep people safe.

Their message was clear: What we have done so far is working, but we must bear down even harder to save tens of thousands of lives.

We must prioritize public health over all else with physical distancing, and we must act urgently to protect those most vulnerable to infection.

Rising incidences of outbreaks at long-term care homes and hospitals, and among health-care staff are a cause for deep concern.

I am very alarmed by projections that Ontario's ICU bed capacity will be exceeded shortly.

In line with the public health advice given today, I ask you to take the following actions:

- Invest COVID-19 contingency funding to bring hundreds of ICU beds online;
- Separate COVID patients and staff within hospitals and long-term care homes, including the establishment of separate facilities for COVID patients;
- Speed up the deployment of staff to hospitals and long-term care homes;
- Prioritize COVID-19 testing for long-term care residents, health care staff, the elderly and the most vulnerable;
- Continue prioritizing the procurement and allocation of PPE to our frontline workers;
- Mandate a reduction in retail hours for essential businesses to give staff more time to clean and sanitize; and
- Mandate physical distancing guidelines for essential services and businesses.

I implore you to act urgently with more support for healthcare workers and stronger physical distancing requirements. And I appreciate the opportunity to work across party lines on these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Schreiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

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