

## **CORRESPONDENCE – July 2020**

- a) Date: 2020 May 20  
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond  
From: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau

### ***Background:***

On May 20, 2020, the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau as well as Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau to convey their strong support for the evolution of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) into a basic income for all Canadians, during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond.

***Recommendation:*** Endorse.

- b) Date: 2020 June 9  
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond  
From: Timiskaming Health Unit  
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau

### ***Background:***

On June 3, 2020, the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau as well as Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau to endorse the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's call for the federal government to "take swift and immediate action on the evolution of the CERB Benefit into legislation for a basic income as an effective long-term response to the problems of income insecurity, persistent poverty and household food insecurity, as well as a response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Recommendation:*** Receive.

- c) Date: 2020 June 29  
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond  
From: Porcupine Health Unit  
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau

### ***Background:***

On June 3, 2020, the Board of Health for Porcupine Health wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau as well as Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau to endorse the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's call for the federal government to "take swift and immediate action on the evolution of the CERB Benefit into legislation for a basic income as an effective long-term response to the problems of income insecurity, persistent poverty and household food insecurity, as well as a response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Recommendation:*** Receive.

- d) Date: 2020 June 25  
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond  
From: Peterborough Public Health  
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau

***Background:***

On June 3, 2020, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau as well as Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau to endorse the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's call for the federal government to "take swift and immediate action on the evolution of the CERB Benefit into legislation for a basic income as an effective long-term response to the problems of income insecurity, persistent poverty and household food insecurity, as well as a response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Recommendation:*** Receive.

- e) Date: 2020 June 19  
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond  
From: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit  
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau

***Background:***

On June 18, 2020, the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau as well as Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau to endorse the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's call for the federal government to "take swift and immediate action on the evolution of the CERB Benefit into legislation for a basic income as an effective long-term response to the problems of income insecurity, persistent poverty and household food insecurity, as well as a response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Recommendation:*** Receive.

- f) Date: 2020 June 19  
Topic: Endorsement of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' Response to the Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper  
From: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit  
To: The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health

***Background:***

At its June 18, 2020 meeting, the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit endorsed the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' response to the Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper. On February 4, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) published a response to the Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper. alPHA's response is intended to be complementary to the individual responses of its members. Feedback was synthesized and presented with the framework of themes and questions laid out in the consultation survey. The Statement of Principles for Public Health Modernization released by alPHA in November 2019 formed the foundation of the response to the Discussion Paper.

**Recommendation:** Receive.

- g)      Date:    2020 June 19  
          Topic: Clarification on Ministry's Criteria to Move to Stage 3 in the - Framework for Reopening Our Province  
          From:    Board of Health for Lambton County  
          To:      The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier Minister of Health

**Background:**

At its recent meeting on June 17, 2020, Lambton County Councillors (Board of Health) expressed concern about the lack of publicly available criteria that the province will use to advance public health unit jurisdictions from Stage 2 to Stage 3 of the Ministry's document A Framework for Reopening our Province. In follow-up, they are requesting that the Ministry share the criteria that the Ministry of Health will rely upon to move into Stage 3 and ensure that this information is communicated early so that it is clearly defined and understood.

**Recommendation:** Receive.

- h)      Date:    2020 June 18  
          Topic: Endorsement of correspondence regarding the 2020 Municipal Cost Share of Public Health Funding from Eastern Ontario Health Unit; and  
                  Correspondence regarding COVID-19 and Reconsiderations Related to Public Health Modernization from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies  
          From:    Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit  
          To:      The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health

**Background:**

At its meeting on June 18, 2020, the Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District endorsed the following letters of correspondence:  
February 12, 2020 letter from Eastern Ontario Health Unit re: 2020 Municipal Cost Share of Public Health Funding asking that the provincial Ministry to Health reverse the 305 COST-Share formula and return to previous years' municipal share of 25% applicable only to previously shared mandatory programs.  
alPHa's March 6, 2020 letter to Minister Elliott asking that the Public Health Modernization Initiative be paused until the COVID-19 emergency is declared over in order to ensure that the response can be analyzed, evaluated and incorporated into the consultations.

**Recommendation:** Receive.