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**Memorandum To:** All Employees and Stakeholders  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and  
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**From:** Ron Sapsford Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
Cynthia Morton Deputy Minister  
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**Subject:** Dr. Arlene King appointed  
Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

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We are very pleased to announce that the legislature has voted today to recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor that Dr. Arlene King be appointed as the new Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario, effective June 15, 2009.

Dr. King is an internationally recognized expert in immunization, infectious diseases and pandemic preparedness. She is currently Director General of the Centre for Immunization and Respiratory Infections Division at the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), a position that she had held since 2007. This was her latest role at Health Canada/PHAC where she has been since 1999. Prior to this role, Dr. King was Director General of Pandemic Preparedness at PHAC.

She has been in the public health field since 1992, having undertaken various roles in communicable disease control at the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control Society, and served as a Unit Medical Officer of Health in Vancouver and a Medical Officer of Health in Burnaby, B.C.

Dr. King is also an adjunct professor in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. King is on two World Health Organization (WHO) advisory committees on pandemic preparedness and has been a consultant to the WHO on polio, SARS and influenza, and to the World Bank and to the Canadian International Development Agency on emerging infectious diseases. She is a member of the Pan American Health Organization technical advisory group on immunization and belongs to the WHO Africa Region Polio Eradication Certification Commission. In 2004 to 2006, she served on the Board of the Global Alliance on Immunization (GAVI).

At this time, we wish to acknowledge Dr. David Williams for his contribution and dedication in serving as the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health since November 2007. His skillful leadership of our province's public health system was clearly evident, particularly during the listeriosis outbreak last year. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Williams will reassume his position as Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Health Protection and Prevention, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care following Dr. King's appointment.

During the upcoming changes, your current ministry contacts will not change.

We know that you join us in congratulating Dr. King on her new role.

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