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John C. A. Manley
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Dear Mr. Manley:

Thank you for your letter, which we received in our office Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's (HPHA) top priority is keeping our patients, families, caregivers and staff safe during these very challenging times. We have taken a precautionary approach for the control of COVID-19 that follows the Ministry of Health and the Public Health guidelines for the healthcare sector. For further clarity, we have attached the relevant excerpts from these guidelines as follows:

- *COVID-19 Guidance: Acute Care Guidance Version 6- June 15 2020 - page 6*
- *COVID-19 Operational Requirements: Health Sector Restart Version 2- June 15 2020 – page 11*

In taking the position noted above, we are confident that there are no negative impacts to individuals using a mask and therefore require universal masking by all our patients, families and caregivers who enter the hospital.

As you will know, the HPHA is part of a Regional Dialysis Program with the London Health Sciences Centre. As such, the care your wife continues to receive in London is of the same high quality as offered through our Stratford Unit. Clearly, the HPHA renal team would be pleased to support your wife's dialysis care closer to home should she comply with the HPHA's position on masking.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Andrew Williams, BSc (Hon), MHSA, CHE
President and Chief Executive Officer