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**MEMORANDUM TO:** EMS Chiefs, Municipal CAOs, First Nations and Ornge

**FROM:** Preston Holmes, Senior Manager, Operations

RE: CMOH Paramedic Directive, Version 3 Release

In response to the global Ebola virus disease (EVD) the Chief Medical of Officer of Health for Ontario (CMOH) has issued a revised Directive #2 for Paramedic Services (Land and Air Ambulance) to replace the directive that was issued on December 9, 2014.

This directive is considered effective immediately.

This version of the directive responds to changes in Ontario's response plan for EVD and the introduction of the 3 Tier Hospital model as described in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) document "A Three-Tier Approach to Ebola virus disease (EVD) management in Ontario", posted on the MOHLTC web site.

The Emergency Health Services Branch (EHSB) is finalizing a training bulletin for paramedics. The training bulletin will outline the expectations of the Branch for paramedic services and ambulance communication centers when managing service requests related to EVD, to ensure consistency with the intentions of the directive.

If you have any questions regarding the directive please review the MOHLTC's website for related material or contact <u>preston.holmes@ontario.ca</u> via email.

Sincerely,

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