Physician Shielding During A Pandemic

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Dear Dr. Brian Dwork,

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) joins the Canadian Association of Medical Education (CAME) in expressing deep concern over the ongoing situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Canadian health-care system begins to ramp up its response, we urge the federal government to ensure that the necessary resources and support are in place to respond to this crisis.

We urge the federal government to take the following actions:

1. Provide immediate financial support to physicians and medical students to cover lost income and expenses related to travel restrictions and increased workloads.
2. Support medical education by ensuring that education and training programs can continue safely and effectively.
3. Provide support for mental health services, including the provision of telehealth services.
4. Ensure that health-care providers have access to personal protective equipment and other necessary supplies.
5. Work closely with provincial and territorial governments to coordinate the response and ensure that resources are allocated efficiently.

We appreciate your leadership during this unprecedented time and look forward to working closely with you to ensure that Canada’s health-care providers are supported during this crisis.

Sincerely,

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