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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: **LTC Guiding Principles for Decision-Making**

The attached **LTC Principles for Decision Making during COVID-19 Pandemic** was developed by a group of LTC facility representatives working with NSHA and with input from the Nova Scotia Health Ethics Network (NSHEN) and NSHA Ethics.

The LTC working group believed it was important to support the difficult decisions facilities and staff are facing and that such guidelines can support consistency in how those decisions get made across the province. It is intended to be a tool against which facility administrators and staff can consider the decisions they make.

During the pandemic NSHEN is available to provide support with particular ethical challenges as they arise for long-term care facilities. Their contact information is included in the document.

The best place to access this document and other resources, ensuring the most recent versions are being used, is on the [NSHA COVID-Hub](#), which includes a section for [COVID-19 Long Term Care](#).

We appreciate your ongoing thoughtful and considered decision making during this challenging time.