

Date: Tuesday, March 09, 2021
To: MSA Members
From: MSA Exec Committee
Subject: **MSA Minute**

Dear MSA member,

HHS plans to open (albeit slowly and carefully) for some of the important patient care areas, since it appears that our communities have done well with social distancing measures and avoided the massive surge that could have happened. For that we owe a large debt of gratitude to our communities.

A message went out from HHS yesterday regarding universal masking, which starts today, April 24th.

IMPORTANT For HHS physicians that are fee for service, below is a link of the latest communication from the Ministry of Health regarding funding, which will come as essentially an interest free loan against your future FFS future billings.

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4754.pdf>

For your interest, I have also attached a response from the OMA and their negotiations committee who are very unhappy with this as it seems to be less than what most other provinces have done for their physicians during the pandemic .



oma letter to
minister.pdf

HHS Website and HUB - Please note also, that on the HHS website and the HUB there is a link called resources for physicians, which houses mainly publications/informative websites etc. for easy access.

Election of OMA President-Election – Ending at 2 pm today Below is a link from Dr. Rick Tytus, a Hamilton physician and MSA member who is running for OMA president-elect – the election period ends today at 2pm. Please take a moment to vote!

<https://www.oma.org/member/section/your-association/president-elect?type=topics>

Should you have any questions or concerns please email msa@hhsc.ca

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