



September 29, 2020

Ms. Donna Duncan
Chief Executive Officer - Ontario Long Term Care Association
425 University Avenue, Suite 500
Toronto, ON M5G 1T6

Re: HVACR technical advice and assistance

Dear Ms. Duncan,

HRAI-Canada is the national trade association for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) industry, representing over 1,250 member companies across the country and about approximately 900 businesses in Ontario. Our members include manufacturers, wholesalers and contractors who collectively employ tens of thousands of skilled trade professionals across the country and contribute more than \$12B annually to the Canadian economy. HRAI also provides technician certification training that is recognized throughout Canada.

At the start of the COVID pandemic, our partners at the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), launched an “**Epidemic Task Force**” to help deploy ASHRAE’s [technical resources](#) and address the challenges of the current pandemic in relation to heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems. See the [attached guide](#) which outlines how to safely re-open healthcare buildings.

HRAI Canada would be pleased to provide industry expertise regarding technical guidelines. We have formed an advisory committee specifically regarding ventilation and other HVAC matters in commercial and institutional buildings. Further, we are able to assist LTC and your facilities and maintenance staff across the province with access to and possibly management of our commercial HVACR contractor network to ensure that licensed, registered and qualified HVACR contractors are utilized in as timely as way as possible.

Time, we know, is of the essence. The HVACR industry is ready to help provide solutions.

We look forward to working together. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. I am available at 905-602-4700 ext 235 and at mluymes@hrai.ca

Sincerely,

Martin Luymes
VP – Government and Stakeholder Relations

c.c. Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long Term Care
Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Province of Ontario
Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Province of Ontario