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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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**SUBJECT:** **Omicron Variant of COVID-19 and Work Self-Isolation**

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COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant, continues to impact available staffing levels across multiple sectors, including the first responder community. To assist police services boards and chiefs of police in managing their available workforce to provide frontline critical services, Dr. Kieran Moore, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has issued guidance on work self-isolation that is applicable to the policing sector.

For further information, I encourage police services boards and chiefs of police to review the attached memo from Dr. Moore to determine how it may support your own workplace staffing strategies.

In addition, the Ministry of Health is expected to issue guidance on testing in the coming days, which will consider sector prioritizations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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Attachment

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.  
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