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Dr. Meghani,

As you know, today Ontario moved into phase 2 of our province-wide vaccination effort. As a result, individuals with the highest-risk health conditions (and their caregivers), will be eligible for vaccination due to an increased risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19. In addition, workers who cannot work from home, such as elementary/secondary school staff, high-risk critical retail workers are now also eligible.

I'm writing today to urge you to re-focus Halton Public Health's vaccination effort as follows:

- 1) On those with the highest-risk health conditions, as outlined under Ontario's Phase 2 vaccination plan, regardless of their age;
- 2) Take advantage of the spring break next week to vaccinate teachers, educators and those who work in our local schools, consistent with Niagara Region, and
- 3) All high-risk critical retail workers including those in our grocery stores and pharmacies.

To date Halton residents have certainly appreciated your efforts to expand vaccine availability based on age. However, moving forward, prioritizing vaccinations consistent with Ontario's Phase 2 eligibility criteria will help better protect the people in Halton Region.

Sincerely,



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Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

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cc: Gary Carr, Regional Chair
cc: Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
cc: Andréa Grebenc, Chair, Halton District School Board
cc: Patrick Murphy, Chair, Halton Catholic District School Board
cc: Stuart Miller, Director of Education, Halton District School Board
cc: Patrick Daly, Director of Education, Halton Catholic District School Board