



June 8, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario,
M7A 1A2

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General of Ontario
18th floor, 25 Grosvenor St
Toronto, Ontario,
M7A 1Y6

Re: Prioritizing the Region of Peel for second dose vaccination

Dear Premier Ford,

Thank you for your on-going partnership and support in our mutual effort to protect Brampton's essential workers and allow for a safe re-opening of our economy. Your assistance in establishing on-site vaccination clinics for large employers was an important step for our community.

I am writing today about an equally urgent issue facing Brampton businesses. As you know, there are new variants of concern circulating in the Region of Peel. The best protection against COVID-19, including new variants, is two doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine.

As such, today I am requesting that allocation of second doses of vaccines be prioritized for hotspots and areas with a large number of essential workers, specifically including the Region of Peel.

Premier, our essential workers have carried us on their backs over the past 15 months. They have ensured that our families were fed, our goods made it to market, and our communities were safe. We cannot leave them vulnerable to a fourth wave of infection that would also threaten our re-opening and further devastate already hard-hit Brampton businesses.

We know that Brampton essential workplaces have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. With 25% of spread happening in the workplace and then 43% happening in homes, with many multi-generational households in our city, we cannot wait to further protect Brampton workers and residents. An accelerated second dose roll-out for the Region of Peel will protect our community and blunt a fourth wave that would reverberate well beyond our city.

Thank you for giving serious consideration of this request. We look forward to following up with you in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Letts".

Todd Letts, MBA, CCE
Chief Executive Officer

cc:

Rocco Rossi, President & CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction