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Dear Todd Letts:

Thank you for your letter, which you also addressed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, regarding the need to prioritize hot spot areas with a large number of essential workers, such as Peel, for second dose vaccinations.

The health, safety and well-being of Ontarians is the government's number one priority. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of the virus to protect the health and well-being of all Ontarians.

I understand that the need to be vaccinated quickly is a source of concern for Ontarians, especially those who live in hot spot communities.

Our greatest challenge has been a stable and reliable supply of vaccines from the federal government, but due to a predictable and increased supply, the province has recently been able to expand delivery channels and accelerate second doses for all Ontarians. While the interval between first and second doses was initially up to 16 weeks, Ontario has begun to offer second dose appointments at an earlier interval, based on availability of vaccines.

As you articulated in your letter, despite significant case reductions, the proportion of Delta variant cases continues to rise in some communities. To address this rise, the government [announced](#) on June 17, 2021, it is further expanding eligibility for accelerated second doses in Delta hot spots to ensure a strong level of protection against COVID-19 and variants as Ontario slowly reopens.

Expanding the number of Delta hot spots and rapidly expanding second dose coverage in these areas will help to minimize the risk of the variant's spread throughout the province.

To continue the progression of accelerated second doses, Ontario has developed an anticipated schedule for eligibility to book a second dose appointment based on confirmed supply and the province will further accelerate the rollout of second doses as increased supply is confirmed by the federal government. For more information regarding accelerated second dose eligibility, please see the [news release](#).

Eligible individuals may book their second dose appointment by either calling the provincial booking system through the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900, through the online [provincial booking system](#), directly through public health units that use their own booking system, or through [participating pharmacies](#) in the rollout.

In addition, mobile and pop-up vaccine clinics that delivered first doses in hot spots, including Peel, are being accelerated to ensure that priority populations, including those who cannot work from home, are provided with second doses as quickly as possible.

Beginning the week of June 20, 2021, workplace mobile clinics supported by the province in Peel, York and Toronto, as well as employer-led clinics in Peel, will start providing second doses in hot spot communities.

Lastly, current community clinics, such as the clinics at the Bramalea Civic Centre, are also providing second doses to those eligible to receive them.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. We are working to ensure we can continue providing our most vulnerable with vaccines in a timely manner and we continue to be ready to receive and administer the vaccines as soon as we receive them.

I know it has been a difficult time and urge everyone to continue to follow public health measures to protect themselves and keep their families, friends and communities safe. Please continue to visit the [Ontario COVID-19 website](#) for updates.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General

c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario