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Letter to Municipalities:

As I have said during my regular updates, we are now in the logistical planning phase of rolling out the COVID-19 vaccines in the EOHU area. Following the phased approach established by the government and in response to unstable vaccine supply, we have been concentrating on vaccinating residents, staff and essential caregivers in our Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes. We are progressing well with this process and as we start to receive more vaccine in reliable allocations, we will be expanding the vaccine program to eventually have vaccine available to all adults in the EOHU area.

As we get ready to mobilize resources to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to broader segments of the populations, we are soliciting municipal partner support.

Our strategy to reach every member of our local population consists of offering vaccines through multiple approaches and in a variety of locations while respecting Ontario's 3-Phase Vaccination Plan.

The clinic and distribution approach will include:

- **Mass clinics:** the targeted community members will be invited to present at a community site for their vaccine. These will be held by appointment only to ensure that public health measures can be maintained on site.
- **Mobile clinics:** vaccines will be available in a venue where specific populations congregate or live.
- **Practice clinics:** vaccines will be available at clinics held in a practice setting of a specific provider (physicians, pharmacies, etc.)

Some of the clinic sites will be fairly stable throughout the next few months, while others will be transitory to facilitate reaching varied and multiple targeted populations.

Based on this plan, we are seeking your support to help us identify the following:

1. Municipal facilities that would be available to house mass clinics. These spaces will need to meet some specific criteria such as large floor space to accommodate physical distancing; accessibility of the clinic sites; ease of transportation of individuals to the clinics (e.g., older adults, people who are home-bound, residents of remote and isolated communities, people with special needs) etc.
2. Assistance in the identification of other community locations that would also meet the criteria listed above.
3. Facilities in your municipalities where specific vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, congregate live (outside of Long-term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes and Group Homes). Examples of this would be location of apartment buildings mostly occupied by elderly tenants.

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4. When offering COVID-19 in your/neighboring municipalities, would you be able to assist on-site with some tasks such as client transportation, greeting clients, client registration, etc. Appropriate training and direction will be provided as required.
5. As the spring weather approaches, we will also be considering drive-thru clinics. Could you identify sites where a drive-thru would be appropriate? These locations would offer some of the following in close proximity: large parking, security and safety of clinic sites, ease of access, etc.

If these are areas where you can assist, please forward the appropriate contact information by February 12<sup>th</sup> to the attention of Thérèse Bourgeois, at [tbourgeois@eohu.ca](mailto:tbourgeois@eohu.ca) or at 613-933-1375, ext. 1281.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our municipalities for their support during this past challenging year. We look forward to working with you to collectively roll out this very important vaccine campaign which will eventually lead to the end of this pandemic and help return our lives, community and economy back to normal.

Best Regards,



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