



STATEMENT ON PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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“I am pleased with the announcement that Ontario will be moving to Step 1 this Friday. With the number of COVID cases, hospitalizations and patients in the ICU in decline, and the number of vaccinations on the rise, I have been advocating for Ontario to reopen. We still need to take a cautious approach and continue to follow the public health guidelines, but I believe this is an indication of the first step toward going back to a more normal life for our residents and businesses. I encourage our residents to continue to support our local small businesses as more non-essential retail stores and restaurant patios open.”

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