

SMALL URBAN GTHA MAYORS ENCOURAGE VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE AGED 15+ ACROSS THE ENTIRE GTHA

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“The Small Urban GTHA mayors met today with Deputy Premier Elliott, Solicitor General Jones and Dr. Tien, Chair, Vaccine Distribution Task Force.

The Mayors discussed the fact that residents 60+ in the GTHA are now at or nearing 70% having received 1 dose vaccination and as supply has increased, the time is now to move to a much more aggressive vaccination approach that better reflects and addresses the needs of our community.

With so many of our essential workers under the age of 18 – grocery store clerks, drive through food service workers, checkout staff – it is absolutely vital that they get access to the vaccines.

Further, as eligibility criteria changes weekly depending on which region you live, it is frustrating and confusing for residents. The Small Urban GTHA Mayors have requested that the Province examine and consider changing eligibility for vaccinations and bookings to the age of 15+ across the entire GTHA starting next week. This will add clarity and simplicity to the process by which residents can get their shots.

The Mayors are thankful for the time and consideration Deputy Premier Elliott, Solicitor General Jones and Dr. Tien have taken to discuss this important matter.”

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