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**GTHA Mayors and Chairs thank our frontline healthcare workers and welcome additional vaccine doses for hot spot areas, with need for more**

"Today, Mayors and Chairs from the 11 largest municipal governments across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area held their regular weekly meeting to discuss the ongoing response to COVID-19 across the region.

The Mayors and Chairs acknowledge and thank our frontline hospital workers continuing to confront a third wave. The hard work and sacrifice of our frontline healthcare workers cannot be in vain so we continue to urge all residents to continue to follow the public health advice. We need to stop the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

Municipalities across the GTHA anticipate increased vaccine supply this week for hot spot postal codes. We are committed to working with our healthcare partners to make sure we are administering these doses as quickly as possible to residents who live in hot spot neighbourhoods. While the committed vaccines for regional hot spots will help the cause, more vaccines will be needed to permit us to meet the demand created by expanded eligibility now including many residents as young as 18.

The Mayors and Chairs also want to acknowledge the degree to which both governments of Canada and Ontario have included municipalities in implementing the course of action we are collectively taking to defeat this virus. We are hopeful that this collaborative and cooperative tone and spirit between all governments will continue as it is through working together that we can be most effective."

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