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RESPONSE TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE “STAY-AT-HOME ORDER”

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“With respect to today’s stay-at-home order announcement, while I am disappointed we need to move in this direction, I appreciate that the Premier’s approach is closer to an actual lockdown. I have maintained that if you are to “lockdown”, it should be across the board and not penalize a select few businesses. This stay-at-home order will be different as it limits big box stores to just groceries and pharmacies. Something that I along with other Mayors have been asking for. A level playing field that truly limits any openings to the core essentials.

I recognize the next several weeks will be difficult. However, for the continued safety of our residents and to take the pressure off the hospitals, we must effectively use this time as communities and as a Province to ‘ramp up’ our vaccinations. We are ready at the municipal level with the infrastructure to get the vaccines into as many willing arms as possible. We have clinics, mobile sites and pharmacies ready to go and administering the vaccine with capacity for much more. But we need our Federal Government to get us the much needed supply. During this stay-at-home order let’s get all of our most vulnerable and essential workers vaccinated so that when we get out of this stay-at-home order it will be the last time we ever have to shut anything down.”

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