



SMALL URBAN MAYORS CALL ON THE PROVINCE FOR EQUALITY FOR ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES

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“Today the Small Urban GTHA Mayors met virtually with Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott and President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre, Arden Krystal for an update on the impacts of Covid-19 on our provincial health care system and reiterate our steadfast commitment of support.

We informed the Minister that our communities remain ready to spring into action to help roll out the vaccine to our general population. With our facilities currently closed, set up should start immediately so that we will be ready to get our residents vaccinated without delay once supply is available.

We also echoed the concerns of our local small businesses who have been disproportionately impacted and call on the provincial government, to level the playing field and only allow essential items to be sold in big box stores during the lockdown. Also, that they consider implementing shopping by appointment and/or revisiting capacity in local businesses based on building square footage. We hope to see these measures considered at the earliest appropriate time to ensure equality for all businesses.

On behalf of the Small Urban GTHA Mayors, we reaffirm our commitment to our government partners, residents and small businesses and remain committed to supporting and promoting the public health guidelines currently in place and at all times following the data and science.”

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