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Dear Dr. Moore,

**Re: Access to COVID-19 vaccination in Ontario**

I am requesting that Public Health Ontario immediately align with the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) plan to transition current vaccine supply to updated vaccines. That plan, as of [PHAC's Sept. 4 update](#), "provides each province and territory the flexibility to address their needs specific to COVID-19 programming plans, **ensuring ongoing access to current supply, until new vaccines are approved** [emphasis added]."

I note that Public Health Ontario (PHO) has misconstrued PHAC's transition plan [on the government COVID-19 vaccine web page](#) as a "mandated market withdrawal of previous COVID-19 vaccines", rendering COVID-19 vaccination unavailable to Ontarians for at least the month of September. I would further note that PHO correctly identifies immunization via vaccination as one of the most effective interventions for reducing the impact of infectious diseases.

PHO's withdrawal of all COVID-19 vaccines from the market is highly problematic:

- It places individuals at risk of COVID-19, particularly the immunocompromised.
- It interferes in the relationship between health-care providers and their patients/clients. The [Government of Ontario's website](#) correctly advises that "the decision of when to receive COVID-19 vaccine doses may be appropriate at different times based on your unique health status and personal situation. You are encouraged to speak with their health care provider."
- It contradicts the express intent of PHAC's transition plan to ensure ongoing access to current supply, until new vaccines are approved, as per quote above.

PHO has clearly misconstrued PHAC's transition plan. I urge you to cease efforts to remove current supply of COVID-19 from the market and ensure an ongoing supply of COVID-19 vaccines to Ontarians until the new vaccines are made available. It is critical to immediately align PHO with the PHAC plan. Should you have any questions or concerns with any of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doris Grinspun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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