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**GTHA Mayors and Chairs welcome lower age eligibility for vaccines and request additional supply to accompany demand**

"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 GTHA Mayors and Chairs want to thank all those who worked over the weekend to vaccinate as many people as possible. Vaccine clinics and mobile pop-ups helped achieve vaccine dose administration records in hot spot areas across the GTHA. These efforts are playing a vital role in getting as many residents vaccinated as quickly as possible with the vaccine supply we have available.

Starting tomorrow, residents 18+ across the province will be eligible to register to get vaccinated. While we welcome this news, we know this will create increased demand for vaccine appointments and we will therefore require additional supply of vaccine from the provincial and federal governments if we are to be able to meet the increased demand for appointments. The Mayors and Chairs thank the federal and provincial government for their earlier work securing and distributing vaccines to hot spot areas in the region and we commit to administering as much additional supply as they can provide.

Since the last meeting between GTHA Mayors and Chairs, the province announced the extension of the Stay-At-Home order until June 2 to stop the spread of the virus. We want to thank residents who continue to do the right thing by following the public health guidelines."

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