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BY EMAIL

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Attention: The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Re: Clarification on Ministry's Criteria to Move to Stage 3 in the - *Framework for Reopening Our Province*

On behalf of the Board of Health for Lambton County, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also thank you for recognizing the hard work of our public health professionals and frontline heroes who have worked tirelessly on the ground to contain this deadly virus.

At its recent meeting on June 17, 2020, Lambton County Councillors (Board of Health) expressed concern about the lack of publicly available criteria that the province will use to advance public health unit jurisdictions from Stage 2 to Stage 3 of the Ministry's document ***A Framework for Reopening our Province***. In follow-up, we are requesting that you share the criteria that the Ministry of Health will rely upon to move into Stage 3 and ensure that this information is communicated early so that it is clearly defined and understood.

Knowing the province's criteria is important to all our community stakeholders who need to have advance notice to safely plan and prepare for reopening their businesses, agencies and organisations. The need to fully understand the province's criteria is an important next step for responsible reopening and this information needs to be publicly available.

Please know that the Board of Health for the County of Lambton is a committed local partner in working with the province to emerge from this crisis. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Warden Bill Weber
County of Lambton



Dr. Sudit Ranade
Medical Officer of Health

cc: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, M.P.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
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