COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

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I have been asked by the Premier of Ontario to assist during the COVID-19 crisis to distribute vaccines in an efficient and equitable manner.

This communication is meant to include each of you and your teams in this process. But to do that - you need to be comfortable with the way the Task Force is working and also understand the plan.

That's why this first Situation Report is a little long - it is meant to establish the baseline that we are operating from now, three days before we expect the first vaccines to arrive.

I appreciate that each of you will have a valuable role in this noble effort in which we are engaged. I thank you for your efforts in advance and trust that our continuing flow of information will assist you in the planning and eventual execution of your responsibilities.

Many of you directly involved have received more detailed guidance from specific departments within the Ontario Government. This email is not intended to interfere with that guidance but to ensure that you understand the intent of the senior leadership of the Task Force.

Again, my thanks to each one of you as we reach the fantastic milestone of being ready to deliver vaccines to everyone who wants one in our great province. Good luck to you all - and best wishes for you and your community in these difficult times.

With kind regards,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force