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SENT VIA E-MAIL

To: Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

Subject: Response to COVID-19 - April 2022 Update (Item HL36.1) (see Part 10 of the Toronto Board of Health's decision on page 2 which is addressed to all Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies)

The Toronto Board of Health, during its meeting on April 11, 2022, adopted [Item HL36.1](#), as amended, and:

1. Expressed its full support to the Medical Officer of Health to implement additional measures to address the harm of COVID-19, as needed.
2. Requested the Medical Officer of Health, in partnership with Ontario Health and the City's community and health sector partners, to accelerate the integration of the delivery of on-site COVID-19 vaccination, testing, treatment, and health and social services.
3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to continue using the VaxTO program for the COVID-19 3rd- and 4th-dose campaign, and to scale up live calling in support of vaccine booster dose uptake.
4. Requested the Province of Ontario to re-enable local Medical Officers of Health to issue letters of instruction as part of the local toolkit to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and help keep people safe.
5. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to implement a public health promotion campaign to inform the public of COVID-19 risks and provide guidance for risk mitigation.
6. Requested the Medical Officer of Health and the Province of Ontario to provide additional focused guidance to help the public discern how best to employ layers of protection against COVID-19 and to provide support to those at greatest risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19, including priority access to testing, personal protective equipment, and other resources to support safer public interactions.

7. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to explore innovative and accessible ways to use data to communicate with the public to enable informed decisions about how best to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.
8. Requested the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to work with Toronto Public Health, primary care, pharmacies, other health care practitioners, and any other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate access to and increase appropriate uptake of COVID-19 treatments, incorporating core elements such as:
 - a. an information campaign to raise awareness among health care providers and the public of the availability of this effective treatment;
 - b. resources to support health care providers and the public to use available COVID-19 treatments; and
 - c. a strategy to leverage existing community vaccine distribution infrastructure to ensure effective, equitable access to COVID-19 treatment.
9. Requested the Province of Ontario to work with relevant stakeholders and communities to expand the collection of sociodemographic data in the health system (which may include, for example, optimizing the linkage of existing Census data with health data) to ensure that resources are deployed to the populations with the greatest need and to ensure equitable and culturally-safe access to health and social services.
10. Forwarded Part 9 above, concerning the collection of sociodemographic data, to all Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.
11. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide public reporting on, and consider for potential inclusion in dashboard changes, the following:
 - a. COVID-19 related hospitalizations among school-aged children and youth;
 - b. transmission of COVID-19 in schools; and
 - c. health workforce absentee data.

To view this item and background information online, please visit:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.HL36.1>.

Yours sincerely,



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Sent (via e-mail) to the following Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies:

- Algoma Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sally Hagman, Chair
- Brant County Board of Health, c/o Councillor John Bell, Chair
- Chatham-Kent Board of Health, c/o Councillor Joe Faas, Chair
- City of Hamilton Board of Health, c/o Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Chair
- Durham Region Board of Health (Health and Social Services Committee), c/o John Henry, Durham Regional Chair
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Syd Gardiner, Chair
- Grey Bruce Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sue Paterson, Chair
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Kristal Chopp, Chair
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Doug Elmslie, Chair
- Halton Region Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor Jo-Anne Albert, Chair
- Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health, c/o Councillor Kathy Vassilakos, Chair
- Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health Board of Health, c/o Deputy Warden and Mayor, Denis Doyle, Chair
- Lambton County Board of Health (County Council), c/o County Warden and Mayor, Kevin Marriott, Chair
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Doug Malanka, Chair
- Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Maureen Cassidy, Chair
- Niagara Region Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Jim Bradley, Regional Chair
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Nancy Jacko, Chair
- Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Doug Lawrance, Chair
- Ottawa Board of Health, c/o Councillor Keith Egli, Chair
- Peterborough Public Health Board of Health, c/o Deputy Warden and Mayor Andy Mitchell, Chair
- Porcupine Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sue Perras, Chair
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health, c/o Councillor René Lapierre, Chair
- Region of Peel Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
- Region of Waterloo Board of Health (Region of Waterloo Council), c/o Karen Redman, Regional Chair
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Ann Aikens, Chair
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Deputy Mayor and Councillor Anita Dubeau, Chair
- Southwestern Public Health Board of Health (Oxford, Elgin and St. Thomas), c/o Warden Larry Martin, Chair
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor James McPherson, Chair
- Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Carman Kidd, Chair

- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor and Councillor George Bridge, Chair
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Warden and Mayor Gary McNamara, Chair
- York Region Board of Health (York Regional Council), c/o Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, President, COMOH Representative, East Region

cc (via e-mail):

- Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health