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GTHA Mayors and Chairs encourage young people to get vaccinated

"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.

Right now, the GTHA continues to see declining COVID-19 case rates and strong uptake in vaccinations. The Mayors and Chairs thank all residents who have already stepped forward to get both their first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

The reopening underway right now is thanks to the sacrifices residents and businesses made to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and thanks to those who are getting vaccinated and encouraging others to also get their shot.

As we look ahead beyond the summer and into the fall, we support the safe return to school for young people. To help the return to in-person classes, the Mayors and Chairs encourage all young people – age 12 and older – to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The Mayors and Chairs also compared notes on the evolving methodology for delivering vaccines with a goal of increasing access and removing barriers of all kinds.

The Mayors and Chairs continued their discussion concerning the backlog in the Provincial Offences Courts created by the ongoing pandemic. We will be supplying information to the Government of Ontario to help target and facilitate action which might be taken to reduce this backlog which carries with it judicial and financial consequences."

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