SMALL URBAN GTHA MAYORS PLEASED WITH REOPENING

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"Today the Small Urban GTHA Mayors met to discuss the ongoing impacts of Covd-19 across the GTHA.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors are pleased that the Province is proceeding with Step One of the Road Map to Reopen due to the recent decline of new Covid-19 and ICU cases. As the supply of vaccines is increasing across the GTHA, we continue to ask residents to get vaccinated, with either the first or second dose as this is the best form of defence against this pandemic and the variants.

It is important that we still are vigilant and take the necessary precautions as advised by our public health units as we move forward towards a more normal way of life for our residents and businesses.

We would also like to call on the Province to consider allowing personal services businesses and gyms to a maximum of 10 people or as deemed appropriate to re-open as of 12:01 am on Friday, June 18, 2021 as part of Step One with strict limited capacities.

The GTHA Mayors would like to express their condolences to the City of London and Mayor Ed Holder on the tragic event that occurred recently in their community. We stand with you during this difficult time.

We encourage the Federal Government and all levels of Government to fully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action to help heal this nation in light of the tragic discovery of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops residential school. Our condolences and prayers are extended to the families of the victims and to the Indigenous community."

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