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To: [Jeremy Graf](#)
Subject: CMOH-COV-2020-775 Re: Questions for Chief Medical Officer of Health
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Dear Mr. Carpay,

Thank you for your April 28 letter to Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, regarding the provincial response to COVID-19. I'm writing on behalf of Dr. Williams.

Since first learning of COVID-19 global threat, Ontario has taken decisive steps to stop the further spread of this deadly virus. Ontario's action follows the recommendations of international, federal, provincial and local public health officials. The province continues to work with Health Canada and other Canadian jurisdictions to ensure our approach is consistent and effective.

In addition to public health measures to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians, the province is implementing important initiatives to support frontline workers, vulnerable individuals, businesses, students and families during this unprecedented time. More information on how Ontario is responding to COVID-19 is available at www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

We know the actions we are taking are affecting the lives and livelihoods of people across the province, but these are extraordinary times and we need to do whatever we can to keep individuals and families safe and stop the spread of this terrible virus.

The actions being taken by everyone to stay home and practice physical distancing are making a difference; however, COVID-19 continues to be a clear and present danger, especially to our seniors and most vulnerable citizens. That is why we must continue to follow the public health and expert advice and stay the course in order to keep people safe and healthy.

At the same time, the province is preparing for the responsible restart of our economy. On April 27, Ontario released *A Framework for Reopening our Province* which includes a stage-by-stage approach to ensure there are appropriate measures in place so workplaces can open safely. To reopen the economy, the government will consider public health advice and factors such as the risk of the spread of COVID-19 and the ability to implement protective measures to keep Ontarians safe. Protecting the people of Ontario, especially those who are most vulnerable and at high-risk, will continue to be paramount and guide a gradual approach to loosening public health measures.

It is because of the collective efforts of all Ontarians to stay at home and stop the spread of COVID-19 that we are able to consider plans to move into the next phase of our battle against this virus. We need everyone to continue their extraordinary efforts so that we can meet these thresholds and begin to move forward.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Sent on behalf of Dr. David Williams

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Good day,

Please find enclosed a letter addressed to Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams.

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