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Dear Post-Secondary Institution:

Re: Optimizing COVID-19 vaccination rates in Post-Secondary Institutions

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has a long history of working with community partners to achieve optimal health and wellness goals for those who live, work, play or learn within the City of Toronto. These partnerships have also been an integral part of the City's response throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and we thank post-secondary institutions for their continued collaboration and mutual support.

The current decline in new COVID-19 cases within Toronto and Ontario, and the increased uptake of vaccination, shows that vaccines work and make a difference.

Toronto Public Health strongly supports the efforts and initiatives of post-secondary institutions to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake, including the equitable barrier free access to vaccination and the provision of clear evidence-based information.

Vaccination is one of several public health measures that greatly impact the reduction in the community spread of COVID-19 and will continue moving us forward towards the common goal of ending this pandemic. This includes planning for the in-person return of students to post-secondary institutions for the 2021 school year and supporting efforts including policy options that achieve the highest vaccination rates, particularly amongst those living in congregate settings such as on-site or local residences.

We continue to be available as a resource for consultation and advisement of policy development and implementation in our collective efforts towards increasing vaccination rates.

Once again, thank you for the continued partnership, support and collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact to our TPH liaison at: TPHSchoolLiaison@toronto.ca or our hotline at: 416-338-7600.

Sincerely,



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