COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

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I am happy to advise that we have hit another milestone in Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination efforts – over 500,000 doses of vaccines have been administered. That is over half a million doses in the arms of Ontarians, something that could not have been imagined even six months ago.

This achievement would have been impossible without the hard work of the public health units; hospital and health sector partners; municipalities and First Nations, Metis, and Inuit leadership. I am extremely proud of the dedication of all those involved, especially as this work was done on top of the response to the pandemic and day-to-day work every person has continued to do throughout the past year.

We continue to move forward in vaccinating our most vulnerable. Given the expected gradual increase in Ontario's vaccine supply, the next target groups within the Phase One priority populations have been identified for vaccination. This information was provided to Medical Officers of Health and Hospital CEOs so they can begin operationalizing. More detailed information can be found in the accompanying slide deck.

Our team is preparing for the expansion of vaccine delivery into Phase Two by developing booking systems and supports to best serve the public. More details will follow in the coming weeks, but I look forward to this next step in creating access to vaccines for all those who want one.

Thank you again for your continued support and leadership in our efforts.

Sincerely,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force