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PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Delays March Break in an Effort to Reduce Community Transmission of COVID-19 - Decision was made on the advice of public health officials - Today, Stephen Lecce, Ontario's Minister of Education, issued the following statement regarding March break:

"In support of our collective efforts to keep schools safe, we are postponing March break until April 12th to 16th, 2021. This decision was made with the best advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health officials, including consultations with many local Medical Officers of Health."

First Round of COVID-19 Vaccinations Completed in All Ontario Long-Term Care Homes - Accelerated vaccination rollout continues despite supply delays - The first round of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in every long-term care home across Ontario to eligible residents who wanted one. This goal was achieved despite repeated delays and reductions of vaccine shipments. To date, more than 62,000 long-term care residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 34,000 residents have received their second dose.

Ontario Working with Municipal Partners to Improve Social Assistance - **New plan will ensure people are getting the right supports at the right time** - The Ontario Government is working with its municipal partners to better connect people to the supports they need as the next step in the province's plan to modernize the delivery of social assistance. As part of its plan, frontline workers will have more time to focus on connecting clients with supports such as job-readiness programs, housing, childcare, skills training and mental health services. At the same time, the province will gradually take on more program administration to make it easier for people to navigate the system.