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Dr. Penny Sutcliffe  
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Dear Dr. Sutcliffe:

Thank you for your continued outreach about the current pandemic situation in Public Health Sudbury & Districts. I know from the data that the region currently has the highest rates of COVID-19 transmission in the province, and there are continued pressures on the public health and health care system.

As part of the government's Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term, we are encouraging responses to be tailored to local context. I recognize the challenging situation in Public Health Sudbury & Districts may require re-instating local public health and workplace safety measures that have recently been removed provincially.

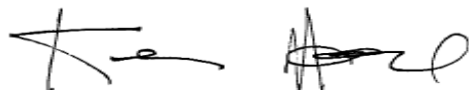
In the context of the current COVID-19 epidemiology in Public Health Sudbury & Districts, I encourage and support the use of local authorities and powers at your disposal to apply measures as necessary including issuing instructions under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

By applying local measures including restrictions from previous steps of Ontario's *Roadmap to Reopen*, and with additional supports from the Ministry of Health, I am confident Public Health Sudbury & Districts will be able address the current situation. Ongoing encouragement of vaccination remains a key priority including for first, second and now third doses.

Thanks to you and the entire team at Public Health Sudbury & Districts for your continued efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support the health and well-being of the people in your communities.

Your responsiveness and efforts are truly appreciated.

Yours truly,



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