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Halton Municipalities urge Provincial Government to reconsider moving Halton region to Stage 2

Today, Halton's Regional Chair along with the Mayors of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville sent a letter to the Ontario Premier outlining how the Halton community has, in fact, met the criteria set by the province to move Stage 2. Halton region does not have the same issues as other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area and Greater Golden Horseshoe, and given this should be allowed to move to Stage 2.

In the letter, the Halton Municipalities detailed how the community has met the Provincial criteria. As of June 8:

- Halton has 745 confirmed cases and 91 active cases of COVID-19;
- no known institutional outbreaks;
- Halton's COVID-19 case numbers make up a small fraction of the total provincial cases;
- local hospitals are sustaining adequate capacity;
- 90 per cent of new COVID-19 contacts are being reached by Halton Region Public Health within one day; and
- strong adherence to physical distancing and public health measures within our community.

Halton Region is appreciative of the Provincial Government's leadership in the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 and partnerships with all levels of government continue to be important. As the focus turns to recovery both locally and across Ontario, the Halton Municipalities will continue to protect residents from COVID-19 and support our local economy.

The Halton Municipalities strongly urge the province to reconsider allowing Halton Region to transition to Stage 2 of the reopening.

To read the letter to the Premier, please visit the [Advocating for a Strong Halton page](#) on halton.ca. For the latest information about COVID-19 in our community, visit halton.ca/COVID-19.

The Regional Municipality of Halton serves 580,000 residents in the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville. Halton Region is committed to meeting the needs of its residents through the delivery of cost-effective, quality programs and services, including water and wastewater; Regional roads and planning; paramedic services; waste management; public health; social

assistance; children's and seniors' services; housing services; heritage programs; emergency management and economic development. For more information, call 311 or visit Halton Region's website at halton.ca.

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