



CAH MANAGEMENT PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF CAH

Hello to all!

Since March 2020, we have done everything to keep our spirits up with courage and hope. But a full year was beginning to feel like a long time!

Many of you have expressed to me how much you have been affected by the excessive isolation generated by the pandemic. It was time for us to experience something that would bring us joy and relief. And that something came in early March in the form of the long awaited COVID-19 vaccine!

The largest vaccination operation in history is underway. Along with the PSL health team, our Program Manager Clarisse and her team expertly managed the administration of the first dose of vaccine to all those who wanted it. The second injection will follow from downtown. We are in good hands.

Meanwhile, the Greater Toronto Area health teams are busy managing the distribution of the vaccine in the community to first responders and seniors aged 80 and over.

We are waiting for confirmation that the community clinics will open and once the system does, we will work hard with our community clients to ensure that everyone has access to the vaccine as soon as possible.

However, we must remain vigilant. Physical distancing, wearing a mask in public and hand washing will continue to be the order of the day until we have vaccinated enough people.

Let us not forget that our vaccination against the coronavirus will be completed when we have the two doses necessary for immunization. And we will need a large proportion of the population to be vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunization. The entire world will also need to be sufficiently immunized before we can reopen the borders.

Speaking of global health, as a community health organization, CAH welcomes the UN's message for International Women's Day 2021.

It reminds everyone that women are on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis as health professionals, caregivers, innovators, and community organizers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire CAH team for their hard work and dedication once again under these exceptional circumstances and to wish everyone a wonderful International Women's Day.

We have come a long way together and we have succeeded where many have failed.

Let us rejoice in the concrete prospect of a gradual return to activities at CAH to preserve our sanity. We are now entering a phase of gradual recovery. One step at a time, we will be able to find ourselves again and regain our well-being and joy of life. It is time to start adding life to our days rather than just days to our lives.

The CAH team once again is here to ensure that this transition is made safely.

Please feel free to contact us and share your questions, concerns and suggestions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Ceccarelli', written over a thin horizontal line.

Barbara Ceccarelli,
CAH Executive Director