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To Hon. Premier Doug Ford,

On behalf of nearly 130,000 UFCW members in Ontario, we strongly urge you to make vaccines more readily available for frontline essential workers, by opening mobile vaccination clinics in hotspot areas. UFCW represents thousands of workers in various industries across Ontario, including grocery, food processing, health care and transit.

The rapid spread of the variant and the exponential growth in cases mean the Ontario government must act now to protect the lives of essential workers. Our members continue to serve their communities on the frontline of the pandemic – they do not have the option to work from home. Those that work, commute and live-in high-risk regions face even greater risk of exposure.

Implementing mobile vaccination clinics immediately at high-risk workplaces, like grocery stores and food processing plants located in hotspots would go a long way to saving lives and ensuring an enduring economic recovery.

Taking decisive action now will protect essential workers and save lives, and strengthen our communities and economy for the long run.

In Solidarity,



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