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Dr. Jennifer Loo
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Dear Dr. Loo:

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

As part of the government's plan to safely reopen and manage COVID-19 for the long-term, responses to increased transmission are to be tailored based on the local context. I recognize the challenging situation in the Algoma Public Health region may require re-instating local public health and workplace safety measures.

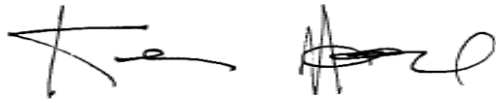
In the context of the current COVID-19 epidemiology in Algoma Public Health, I encourage and support the use of local authorities and powers at your disposal to apply measures as necessary, including issuing instructions under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* and Class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

By applying local measures and with additional supports from the Ministry of Health, I am confident Algoma Public Health will be able to address the current situation. Ongoing encouragement of vaccination remains a key priority including for first, second and now third doses. This is especially important for individuals five to 11 years of age who are now eligible to be vaccinated.

Thanks to you and the entire team at Algoma Public Health 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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