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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

Like you, we are extremely concerned with rising COVID-19 case rates among young people. As Peel approaches Stage 3, we recognize that our collective success is fragile. Economic recovery hinges on finding ways to help these Ontarians keep their guard up to the disease, especially in social situations.

Young people form the largest generational cohort of users at fitness facilities. These communal spaces are social and crowded. They create a unique risk for spread of COVID-19 among this demographic.

We are writing today to strongly urge your government to enact the following measures as requirements for fitness facilities in Peel and other large urban areas under Stage 3 of the Provincial Order.

1. Occupancy limits should be reduced to a maximum number where physical distancing can be easily maintained and no more than 50 people inside (total, including staff).
2. Facilities should introduce a reservation system for users that manages access to the spaces and enforces occupancy limits.
3. Facilities should strictly monitor and enforce 2 metre distancing between participants in all group classes, or not offer classes at all.
4. Employers should introduce mandatory screening for all employees prior to their shifts.
5. Employees and patrons should comply with local by-laws for use of face coverings.
6. All equipment provided to users of the facility must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
7. Facilities must also:
8. Maintain a client log and gather contact information and check in/out times;
9. Store the log for 30 days; and
10. Make the log available to Public Health, when requested, for the purpose of contact tracing.

We do not want to move backwards in the battle against COVID-19. Several jurisdictions across Canada, United States and around the world have been forced to take the unfortunate step of re-introducing restrictions in fitness and other facilities because of COVID-19 outbreaks.

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Introducing these measures as part of the Order for Peel and other large urban areas will help create consistent controls for these challenging settings and help reduce the alarming jump in cases among young people.

In solidarity.



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