

[Today's Date]

[Name of Recipient]

[Title]

[Company]

[Address]

[City, Province, Postal Code]

Dear [Name of Recipient]:

I am [writing/calling] today to express my concern about the current COVID-19 situation. In order to prevent more tragic & unnecessary illness, death, and economic fallout, we must eliminate the disease from Canada. Success will require efforts from everyone. Success will require work by all levels of government, but as many Atlantic provinces and Northern territories have shown us, it can be done region by region.

Vaccines save lives, but can't resolve the COVID-19 pandemic on their own. Not enough people have been vaccinated to slow the spread. Even with 70% of Canadians vaccinated, the herd immunity threshold may not be reached. Each time we let this virus transmit to a new person, there is a risk that it will mutate, and each mutation has the potential to evade vaccination efforts. This highlights why a Zero COVID strategy is urgently needed, and provincial governments have a critical role to play.

I am asking you to do everything in your power to help stop the spread of COVID-19 within the province. This includes:

- Adopt a proactive Zero Covid Strategy that responds to accurate data and current science with an explicit goal of eliminating community transmission of COVID-19 and communicating it clearly to the public.
- Vaccines are a crucial part of the solution, but so are science-informed public health measures such as test, trace, isolate, and support.
- When lockdowns are needed, they have the goal of eliminating, rather than reducing, community transmission. Lockdowns are always financially supported and their length varies according to regional case numbers and rates of transmission.
- During lockdowns, only *truly essential* indoor workplaces, (i.e. grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) would remain open with strictly enforced COVID-19 safety measures to prevent

transmission. This includes putting special attention towards preventing airborne transmission.

- Legislate 10 days of paid sick leave for all employees.
- All essential workers should have supported access to vaccines, adequate PPE and engineering controls to mitigate airborne transmission and paid sick days to address the disproportionate risks these workers face.
- Update standards for air filtration and ventilation in shared indoor spaces to increase air changes per hour using protocols that reflect the current science on transmission.
- Implement effective measures to stop transmission at our borders, including rapid testing and managed quarantine.
- Support other regions and countries in their efforts to eliminate COVID-19. The more regions and countries that implement Zero Covid, the safer everyone will be.

Thank you for your time. [I am happy to meet with you to discuss this via phone at [insert number]]

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Title – if applicable]

RESOURCES:

Canada's Federal COVID-19 Resource Page

<https://covid19resources.ca/>

Masks, efficacy and where to source them in Canada

<https://masks4canada.org/>

(this list includes N95 and FN95 masks by the Indigenous-owned PPE manufacturer, First Nations Procurement Inc. <https://fnprocure.ca/>)

Updates on Data for every region in Canada

<http://COVID19Tracker.ca>

Vaccines, how to get one (in Canada): <https://vaccinehunters.ca/>

Vaccines, questions answered: on zoom or phone-in options daily from 8-10pm EST

<https://covid19resources.ca/public/discussions/#VaccineQA>

MORE INFORMATION ON ZERO COVID:

National: <https://zerocovidcanada.org/>

Quebec: [COVID-STOP](#)

BC Coalition COVID Zero Backgrounder:

<https://www.notion.so/COVID-Zero-Backgrounder-9f616de027ba40309691adf0043e85f4>

Alberta: [Go4Zero](#)

International: <https://www.endcoronavirus.org>

International: <https://zerocovidalliance.org>