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Dr. Patrick Deane, Principal
Office of the Principal
Queen's University
74 University Avenue
351 Richardson Hall
Kingston, ON, K7L 3N6

Dear Principal Deane:

RE: SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION POLICY ON CAMPUS

Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington (KFL&A) Public Health would like to thank you for your ongoing efforts in launching a COVID-19 immunization program for your students. A fully immunized population diminishes the risk of disease and outbreaks and will propel our community towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure a safe return to on-campus learning. As the provincial immunization roll-out continues, it is anticipated that students, faculty, and staff will be able to access two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine prior to return to class this September. KFL&A Public Health strongly supports the position of Queen's University to require COVID-19 immunization for students, faculty, and staff.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, outbreaks in post-secondary residences and on campuses across the province significantly impacted individuals, student populations, as well as broader communities. As we face more challenges ahead with COVID-19 variants, immunization is a critical public health intervention that can control the spread of COVID-19 in the community. KFL&A Public Health is available to support your ongoing immunization efforts. International students may face additional challenges accessing immunization; KFL&A Public Health will continue to work with you to enhance access to COVID-19 vaccines as soon as these students arrive on campus.

Thank you for your partnership in continuing to protect the health of our community through immunization.

Sincerely,



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Acting Medical Officer of Health