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Dear Mr. Feraday:

Thank you for your letters of May 1 and May 4, 2020, regarding COVID-19 and the government's plan to reopen the province.

I appreciate receiving concerns and recommendations on behalf of the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of Ontario, and I commend you for supporting our province's efforts to protect health care workers and their patients/clients during these unprecedented times.

As you note, the government is planning a stage-by-stage approach to reopening the economy based on advice from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts. By taking an incremental approach, the government can ensure there are appropriate measures in place to reopen the province safely and limit any risks to people and public health.

During this period, we must move cautiously and strike the right balance between getting people back to work and preventing further outbreaks. Public health officials, in close collaboration with partners across the health care sector, will carefully monitor each stage and, if necessary, change course to maintain public health. The health and safety of every Ontarian will always be our top priority as we continue planning for this next phase of our fight against COVID-19.

In addition to consulting the ministry guidance documents for the health sector, I encourage your members to connect with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario for specific return-to-practice policies and protocols.

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I have shared your letters with my ministry officials, and we will continue to provide updates to the sector as the situation evolves.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Helen Angus, Deputy Minister of Health