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Premier Smith,

We are writing to express our serious concerns over the recommendations in the final report of the Alberta COVID-19 Pandemic Data Review Task Force and their potential implications for the health and well-being of children and youth. We add our voice to the many trusted experts who have also spoken out about the dangerous misinformation contained in this report, including the [Alberta Medical Association](#) and the [Canadian Medical Association](#).

We are particularly concerned about the conclusions presented regarding the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Health Canada-approved COVID-19 vaccines have gone through rigorous testing and have been shown to be safe and effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death. Halting access to COVID-19 vaccines would be in direct opposition to an overwhelming body of scientific evidence and would pose inequitable harm to those with underlying conditions or at elevated risk of severe infection. Removing access to life-saving vaccines would undermine health and safety, limit personal choice and decision making, and go directly against the core principles of public health.

Health misinformation, including misinformation about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, is dangerous and is having a real and immediate impact on the health and well-being of children and youth. This includes planting doubts about routine childhood vaccinations, many of which have been around for decades and have been proven to be safe and effective. We urge the Government of Alberta to disregard this report and to protect and promote evidence-based decision making while working to prevent the spread of health misinformation and scientific mistrust in Canada.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health