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Ford Misleads Northern Residents on Vaccine Availability

SUDBURY - France Gélinas, MPP for Nickel Belt is calling on Premier Doug Ford to correct his statement that people over 75 can book their vaccine appointments.

It is now very clear to Northerners between the ages of 75 and 79 who have tried booking their vaccine appointment that the Premier's statement only applies to some areas of Ontario. During a pandemic clear communication is critical. When the Premier makes an announcement and fails to mention that it does not apply to many areas of our province, he does a lot of damage to our overall goal of motivating as many people as possible to get the vaccine.

"Sudbury is a hotspot, we have been moved to a grey zone, yet so many people who are part of Phase 1 vaccine priority, still have not received their vaccine. Seniors and residents are shocked and cannot understand that because they are from the north they do not have the same access as other residents across the province", said Gélinas. Premier Ford has been proudly announcing daily that pharmacies and primary care in Ontario are offering vaccines but is failing to disclose that the same is not available to Northerners.

The government's vaccine plan falls short for many people. All Ontarians deserve the same fair treatment and the same clear and concise information.

"Premier, can you please explain to constituents in Sudbury and Nickel Belt why they don't have the same access to the Covid-19 vaccine as their family and friends who live in different parts of Ontario and why is Northern Ontario being left behind by your government?", said Gélinas.

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