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STATEMENT FROM REGIONAL CHAIR JOHN HENRY ON RISE IN COVID-19 CASES

Whitby, Ontario – The following statement is being issued on behalf of John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer:

"There has been a steady increase in COVID-19 cases over the past couple of weeks in Ontario. This is cause for concern, and something that should not be taken lightly as we head into the colder months and flu season.

Today, the provincial government announced that informal gathering limits will be reduced to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors throughout Ontario for at least the next 28 days, effective immediately.

In Durham Region, we have done tremendous work to flatten the curve together as a community since March, and this is no time to become complacent. We stand in full support of the province's decision to limit gatherings across the province, including Durham Region.

We must continue to follow best public health practices as much as possible to mitigate the effects of another large spike in cases. Please respect the new social gathering limits. Stay home if you're sick. Prioritize your trips out of the house. Wash your hands often. Wear a non-medical mask or face covering in all indoor, enclosed public spaces and maintain six feet of physical distance.

Please remember—we all have a responsibility to one another as a community. The work you have all done so far has been amazing. Make informed decisions, and make sure you are always looking out for the health and safety of yourself, your family, and

your neighbours.

We will get through this together, and together we remain #DurhamStrong."

Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole has tested positive for the novel coronavirus. Just this week our own Erin O'Toole, who became the party's new leader in late August following a virtual leadership convention, is in self-isolation and is "feeling well," according to a CPC statement released Friday night.

The statement also confirms that O'Toole's wife and children have tested negative for COVID-19.

In the same week the Bloc Québécois leader tests positive for coronavirus

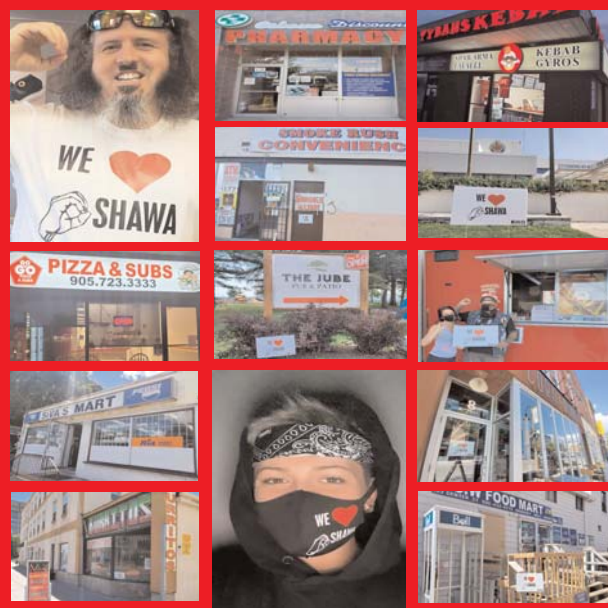
Friday's announcement comes a few days after the federal party leader went into self-isolation and was tested for the virus after possibly being exposed to it through a staffer.

A statement sent out on Wednesday said that an aide O'Toole was travelling with had tested positive for COVID-19.

The Conservative leader is the second federal party leader to test positive for the virus after Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet confirmed his diagnosis on Friday. A statement from Blanchet's office said that he was doing "perfectly well" and would remain in isolation until at least Sept. 26.

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SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM CRISIS CONTINUES DUE TO GOVERNMENT INACTION

Unifor, Ontario's largest school bus driver union, maintains that the crisis in the school bus system continues due to inaction by the provincial government. "I hear Education Minister Stephen Lecce saying that his government is doing everything possible to address the driver shortage and concerns about safety aboard school buses but that simply isn't the case," said Debbie Montgomery, President of Unifor Local 4268. "While it's true the province has designated some funds towards health and safety and driver retention the fundamental issue remains the lack of provincial standards to go with those dollars." As students return to schools across the province there are widespread school bus route cancellations happening in several jurisdictions. As far back as July, Unifor warned that urgent action was needed to ensure that school buses would be able to return to their routes when classes resumed. On August 13, the union sent Premier Ford, Minister Lecce and Minister Mulroney a statement on behalf of drivers calling on the government to address five key concerns, including guaranteed access to PPE, limits on the number of passengers to allow for social distancing, and proper sanitation of busses. Drivers reiterated that call during a media conference on August 25, where they shared

their first hand knowledge of the variety of measures planned at different school bus carriers and school boards. "We have been clear on driver's concerns and they have yet to be addressed," said Montgomery. "We have drivers receiving manifests with upwards of 70 kids on-board, no social distancing and instances where drivers are receiving inadequate PPE supplies, some of which are sub-standard quality. This is the result of throwing money at student transportation without a plan to enforce consistent standards." The majority of Ontario school bus drivers are above 60 years old, considered a higher risk group for COVID-19. "Knowing the demographic of drivers, the government should be doing everything in its power in terms of COVID-19 safety protocols to maximize the number who feel safe to return and prevent the loss of additional drivers, which I guarantee will happen if they fail again to move on this," said Montgomery. Unifor is Canada's largest union in the private sector and represents 315,000 workers in every major area of the economy. The union advocates for all working people and their rights, fights for equality and social justice in Canada and abroad, and strives to create progressive change for a better future.

FEDERAL BY-ELECTIONS UNDERWAY IN YORK CENTRE AND TORONTO CENTRE

Federal by-elections will be held on October 26, 2020 in the electoral districts of York Centre (Ontario) and Toronto Centre (Ontario) to fill two vacancies in the House of Commons. The Elections Canada offices in York Centre and Toronto Centre will open soon. Canadian citizens in York Centre and Toronto Centre who are at least 18 years old on election day are eligible to vote. To vote in a federal by-election, an elector's home address must be in the electoral district from the day the revision period starts until election day.

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