

The Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team

Serving the residents of Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations, and the County and City of Peterborough



COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Update

Update #1

Friday, January 22, 2021

ATTENTION: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Nurse Practitioners, EMS, Designated Officers, Midwives, Family Health Teams, Pharmacies, CE- LHIN, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Peterborough County and Townships, City of Peterborough, Long-term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Peterborough Hospice, PFHT. (Please feel free to circulate to all interested parties.)

What is the Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team?

The Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team was developed to facilitate the local COVID-19 vaccination roll out plan. The team is chaired by Peterborough Public Health's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra and is comprised of other local organizations and sectors. The membership for this team is fluid and will have representation from different sectors as needed. The team members aim to work collaboratively to ensure COVID-19 vaccine planning is consistent with national and provincial guidelines, complies with the ethical framework, and reflects local needs.

COVID-19 Immunization & Mobile Teams Update

Peterborough is still awaiting its first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Due to the unexpected global interruption in delivery to Canada, we have been asked to further prioritize only the residents of our long-term care homes (LTCH) for the February 15th deadline. All vaccine received will be directed to 8 LTCHs through mobile teams, with the aim of assisting LTCH staff in immunizing as many of the 1,102 residents that wish to receive the vaccine. We are awaiting further direction from the province on when we can expect vaccine for the other high priority groups in Peterborough.

We apologize for any further delays in first doses for our community; however, supply limitations are out of our control. Canada's expected delivery of the vaccine will be significantly reduced over the next several weeks as Pfizer-BioNTech makes upgrades to its European manufacturing facility. Future vaccine allotment will be confirmed by the provincial government.

Impact on Long-Term Care Homes

At this time, we are planning to continue to provide dose #1 to all LTCH residents. LTCH staff or essential caregivers are requested to wait until notice on further vaccine supply. There may be opportunities for some to receive end of day doses in order to prevent wastage.

Impact on Retirement Homes

At this time, we are waiting for provincial direction and vaccine supply in order to immunize but are expecting that this will not occur before the time when more vaccine becomes available, anticipated to be mid-late February.

Planning for the Next Phase of COVID-19 Vaccination in Peterborough

Planning for the vaccination for HCWs, LTCH, and Retirement Homes is continuing using the Ontario COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and the Ontario ethical framework for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

The Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team has proposed three working groups: a Vaccine Sequencing Work Group, a Phase II Planning group to plan for the next phases of our local vaccine roll-out, and a First Nations and Indigenous People Working Group.

The Vaccine Sequencing Working Group will be chaired by former board of health provincial appointee Cathy Praamsma. The working group will apply the provincial prioritization guidance to Peterborough's population to ensure we are providing access to immunization in a relevant, ethical and transparent way. The working group will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, January 26 and will bring recommendations back to the interagency team for consideration and decision-making.

Jodi DeNoble, Manager, Emergency and Risk Management for the City of Peterborough will Co-Chair the Phase ii Planning Working Group with Jane Hoffmeyer, Planning Chief for PPH. They will be meeting with local partners to prepare for the mass immunization phase of the vaccine roll-out.

Hallie Atter, Liaison Officer for PPH, advised members that she has sent invitations to Curve Lake and Hiawatha F.N. to create a working group to plan for the immunization of both First Nations as well as the urban Indigenous population.

Communications Plan

Please visit the Peterborough Public Health [website](#)¹ for up to date information on COVID-19 vaccine and our local planning. A webpage for the Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning team is coming shortly. Stay tuned for weekly updates from the interagency planning team.

For more information on the province's three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan, please visit [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#).²

There are a number of COVID-19 resources and documents available through the Peterborough Public Health COVID-19 [Healthcare Professional webpage](#)³ as well as through [Public Health Ontario](#)⁴ and the [Government of Ontario](#).⁵

If you are receiving this in a hard copy and wish to receive this update as an email, please contact Peterborough Public Health's Liaison Officer Hallie Atter at hatter@peterboroughpublichealth.ca

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PPH, PRHC, City & County, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Primary Care Physicians, Peterborough Family Health Team, Pharmacist, Trent, Fairhaven, Extencicare (Lakefield)

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1. <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-info/>
 2. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>
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