# 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**

## **UPDATE #19**

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#### COVID-19 Vaccine Status Update:

On Monday July 5, the Peterborough Inter-agency Vaccine Planning Team (PIVPT) approved a new target for the Peterborough COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign. With the emergence of the Delta variant, which is more transmissible than even the previously circulating Alpha variant, the need for two-dose immunization has become more apparent. PIVPT has decided to increase its target from 75% to 80% of all Peterborough residents, aged 12 years and older, to be fully vaccinated by September 1, 2021.

As of Wednesday July 7, 77% of Peterborough residents 18 years of age or older have at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. 61.7% of youth age 12-17 have at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. 45.5% of Peterborough residents over the age of 18 are now fully vaccinated.

On July 2, the province announced all Ontarians 12 years of age and older are eligible to book a second dose appointment for a date that is at least 28 days after their first dose. This announcement will assist Peterborough in reaching the goal of 80% of eligible residents fully vaccinated by September 1, 2021.

#### COVID-19 Mass Vaccine Clinic Update:

<u>Walk-in clinics</u> are being hosted for residents who still require a first dose. The Evinrude Centre is accepting walk-ins for residents 18 years of age or older. The vaccine clinic at Peterborough Regional Health Centre is accepting first dose walk-ins for residents aged 12-17.

Primary care partners have been holding evening clinics at the Evinrude Centre for residents who received a first dose of AstraZeneca and required a second dose of AstraZeneca or an mRNA vaccine. Moving forward, primary care partners will be hosting evening clinics at the Evinrude Centre. Anyone can now book an appointment for an mRNA vaccine online for the Monday to Thursday evening clinics.

Peterborough Regional Health Centre is holding vaccine clinics Monday-Friday and is also now using the provincial vaccine booking system to book all of their vaccine appointments.

Residents who have appointments for second doses booked into August are encouraged to seek an earlier appointment as there is lots of availability starting as soon as July 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Community Vaccine Clinic Update

A youth second dose vaccine clinic was held at Curve Lake First Nation. Given the recent reports from Israel and the U.S.A. about a small increase in cases of myocarditis, mostly seen after the second dose in males 19 with a median age of 19 years, Dr. Salvaterra provided an information session that reviewed the data and also

the risk benefit analysis that led to decisions in both Israel and the U.S.A. to continue to recommend COVID 19 vaccination for all youth. This addressed many of the concerns and led to a full clinic, with a small number of parents wishing to wait for the NACI recommendation before making a decision. Hiawatha First Nation will be running a second dose youth vaccine clinic on July 9. A second dose clinic for Urban Indigenous youth is being planned for July.

Partner organizations are working together to host pop-up vaccine clinics in the community for vulnerable populations. A clinic will be running at City Hall on July 6-8 to reach residents who may experience barriers to booking or attending a mass immunization clinic.

28 pharmacies in the Peterborough area are now administering COVID-19 vaccines. These pharmacies typically book appointments 1-2 days in advance, minimizing risk for cancellations.

#### Evaluation and Recovery Planning Update

Evaluation of the vaccination campaign is ongoing as the campaign is rolling out. Peterborough Public Health facilitated an initial evaluation of the participating members of the Peterborough Inter-agency Vaccine Planning Team. The evaluations showed high engagement and satisfaction among the members of the team.

Planning is beginning for the ramping down of the mass immunization clinics by the end of the summer. Data is being collected to determine the remaining population left to be vaccinated and the best places to reach these residents.

#### Communications Update

Local advertising has been focusing on mixing brands of mRNA vaccine for first and second doses. New ads will focus on first dose walk-in clinic availability in the community.

Peterborough Public Health is working with the Peterborough Pete's to promote getting the vaccine. This campaign will be released on social media by mid-July.

Please visit the Peterborough Public Health <u>vaccine webpage</u> for up to date information on the COVID-19 vaccine. This webpage contains information on:

- 1) Peterborough COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign 4 Month Snapshot
- 2) Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Status
- 3) Peterborough Inter-Agency Vaccine Planning Team Updates
- 4) Vaccine resources for Healthcare Professionals