# 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 #22**

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#### COVID-19 vaccine status update

On August 17, the <u>province announced</u> various sectors that will now require a vaccine policy. These sectors include long-term care homes, home and community care service provider organizations, Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) organizations and ambulance services. It is expected that this may extended to include other settings that work directly with vulnerable populations. The province also announced that third doses are available for those at highest-risk. This includes residents of long-term care, high risk retirement residences, transplant patients, people undergoing anti-CD 20 antigen treatment, and those undergoing certain cancer treatments. Partners are working together to create a process to identify these individuals and provide third doses.

Residents who are turning 12 or older in 2021 are now accepted at all COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Peterborough. The province has announced an updated goal to have 90% of all eligible residents fully vaccinated. As of August 18, 73.6% of eligible residents have both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. 80.6% have received at least one dose. Similar to the province, Peterborough continues to focus efforts on populations who show lower vaccine uptake. These include youth and young adults, vulnerable populations, and residents who may experience barriers to attending a larger immunization clinic.

#### Phase 3 Planning Update:

Walk-in vaccine clinics at Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) ended on August 19. PRHC is planning for the future of their COVIDD vaccination services.

Peterborough Public Health (PPH) continues to plan walk-in clinics in the city and county for the remainder of August and into September. Clinics are being planned to meet the target population where they are at. A variety of delivery models are being used to increase access for residents. PPH is partnering with the City of Peterborough to utilize a city bus as a mobile vaccine unit. Drive-thru options are also being planned for residents who may find this option easier. All information about the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics can be found at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/walkin.

Primary care has completed their evening vaccine clinics at the Evinrude Centre. The clinics were very successful in providing additional options for residents to get the vaccine. It is estimated that over 6000 doses were administered at evening vaccine clinics since they started running a few months ago.

Local pharmacies continue to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine in many communities across the city and county. All participating pharmacy locations and details can be found <u>online</u>.

### Communications Update

Digital, radio, and moving sign ads are now directing residents to the <u>walk-in clinic calendar</u> to find a clinic near them.

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) <u>Vaccine resources for Healthcare Professionals</u>