



CP SCOOP – April 12th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Community Improvement Plans – Virtual Open House - April 12th to 16th, 2021

Purpose of the Virtual Open House

The Town of Carleton Place conducts statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings when changes are proposed to land use planning policies like the Official Plan.

It is important for the Town to understand and review the feedback of residents on amendments in order to fully appreciate and analyze the impact of those changes on property owners.

A Note About COVID

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional “Open House” cannot be hosted at the Town Hall.

An Open House allows residents the opportunity to view and ask questions about the amendment. Posters illustrating the proposal are available and staff are present to speak with residents.

The “Virtual” Open House will offer the same sort of viewing and commenting experience remotely.

How to Participate in the Open House



Step 1 – Review the materials provided in this [virtual package](#).



Step 2 – Think critically about how the policy change may impact you and the development of the community.



Step 3 – Provide your comments, thoughts or questions on the amendment to staff by following the links provided on the last page of the [virtual package](#).

Questions? Contact the Director of Development Services, Niki Dwyer at ndwyer@carletonplace.ca.

FEDERAL UPDATES

[National Day of Mourning: Remember and Renew Commitment to Worker Safety](#) - April 28th, 2021 is the National Day of Mourning and workplaces across Canada will use this day to remember those who have lost their lives or suffered an injury or illness due to their work. On this day, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) is reminding all workplaces that the Day of Mourning is also a day to renew commitment to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all workers, especially those who have been personally affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Moves Schools to Remote Learning Following Spring Break - Continued rise in COVID-19 cases demands shift to protect students and staff and slow community spread - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has made the difficult decision to move elementary and secondary schools to remote learning following the April break. This move has been made in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, and the massive spike in hospital admissions.

With appropriate measures in place, schools have been safe places for learning throughout the pandemic, as confirmed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and local medical officers of health and have demonstrated low rates of in-school transmission. However, increasing rates of community spread pose a threat to the health and safety of school communities. As a result, all publicly funded and private elementary and secondary schools in the province are to move to teacher-led remote learning when students return from the April break on April 19th, 2021. Private schools operating in-person this week are to transition to remote learning by April 15th, 2021. This action is being taken in support of the Government's broader efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19. Data will be assessed on an ongoing basis and health officials will be consulted to determine when it will be safe to resume in-person learning.

Child care for non-school-aged children will remain open, before and after school programs will be closed and free emergency child care for the school-aged children of eligible health care and frontline workers will be provided. To protect the most vulnerable, boards will make provisions for continued in-person support for students with special education needs who require additional support that cannot be accommodated through remote learning.

COVID-19 Rapid Screening Pilot Program Launching in Waterloo Region - Point-of-care tests will help keep workers safe in small and medium-sized businesses - The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is launching the [StaySafe™](#) COVID-19 Rapid Screening Pilot in the Waterloo Region. The StaySafe™ program will provide free rapid antigen point-of-care tests for employees of small and medium-sized businesses, with a target of 3,000 rapid tests conducted each week in the region. The program will help detect cases of COVID-19 in the workplace that might otherwise be missed, helping to keep workers and their families safe.

OTHER UPDATES

Local COVID-19 Vaccine Status - Update for April 12th, 2021

What was done last week?

Clinics:

- Continuing to provide first or second doses to new admissions to Long-Term Care Homes and High-Risk Retirement Homes
- Continue to offer first doses and second doses to those in other Retirement Homes
- Operated 4 (four) fixed sites (Smiths Falls, Almonte, Brockville and Kemptville)
- Moved Smiths Falls fixed site to the arena surface
- Continued to support In-house Hospital Staff Clinics
- Continued Outreach Team: Provides immunizations in homes for those who are bedbound or have severe mobility issues (must also be in an eligible category)
- Continued our [contingency list program](#) to offer up last-minute doses to those in the priority groups

New Provincial Appointment Booking System continues

- Opened up booking in the provincial appointment booking system for those born in 1961 or before (60+)
- [How to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment \(ontario.ca\)](#)
- Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488, open Monday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Continue Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for non-aged based provincial priority groups and for primary care to use with individuals in their practice for eligible groups.

- Continue to support the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for those who have received an invitation link and code. If you have difficulties with your link, please email covid@healthunit.org
- Opened up bookings to **Health Care Workers – Moderate Priority**
- **Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions – Highest Risk Category***
- **Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions – Very High Risk Category***

Expand the Call Centre with new telecommunications technology within Lanark County and United Counties of Leeds-Grenville.

Number of Immunizations Given:

- From April 5th to April 11th, 2021: 5,660 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 29 individuals received their second dose of vaccine.
- A **total of 27,592** individuals have received at least one (1) dose of the Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine (either through one (1) of our fixed sites, the KHSC Clinic, the Ottawa Hospital Clinic or one of our mobile clinics) since our roll out started.

***This number does not include those who received AstraZeneca in a Participating Pharmacy*

What is the plan for this week?

Booking for clients in the following groups:

- Health Care Worker – Highest Priority*
- Health Care Worker – Very High Priority*
- Health Care Worker – High Priority*
- Health Care Worker – Moderate Priority*
- Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living)
- Adults receiving chronic home care health services
- Indigenous Adults (16+)
- Residents, Staff and Designated Essential Caregivers of Other High Risk Congregate Living Facilities.
- Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions – Highest Risk Category*
- Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions – Very High Risk Category*

Continue to roll out Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and some of Stage 4 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#) including vaccine for congregate settings.

Promote Provincial Appointment Booking System for the general public based on 5-year age groups continues

- **Promote and support the new provincial COVAX appointment booking system for those born in 1946 or before (60+).**

- [How to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment \(ontario.ca\)](#)
- * if you need to cancel your appointment through the provincial booking system, please go to [OMH – Manage your appointments \(covaxonbooking.ca\)](#)
- **Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488, open Monday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Continue Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for non-aged-based provincial priority groups and for aged-based individuals who need to support to book at a vaccine clinic.

- Continue to support the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for eligible individuals who have received an invitation link. If you have difficulties with your link, please email covid@healthunit.org.
- Work with primary care and hospitals to identify individuals with highest and very high risk health conditions

Host priority vaccine clinics for Special Education Workers identified by the school boards in Smiths Falls and in Brockville. This will be by invitation only.

Work with primary care who have offered to provide AstraZeneca in their offices to 55+ to be set up to give the vaccine.

Advertise provincial pharmacy website to book appointments for AstraZeneca for 55+. 22 new pharmacies in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark will be added this week.

Finalize planning for community pop up clinics in smaller communities and in home vaccine referral process for those who are unable to get to a fixed site or a pop up.

What are we working on for next week:

- Continue to build capacity in our four (4) fixed sites.
- Continue to roll out Stage 1, Stage 2 , Stage 3 and Stage 4 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).
- [Promote launch of provincial Phase 2 roll out](#).

What can I do now?

- **Get informed** visit [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#)
- **Stay healthy**
 - Follow COVID-19 precautions – wear a mask, keep the 2m/6ft distance from others, follow the stay at home order
 - Stay home if sick and contact the Assessment Centres for testing
 - Ensure your other immunizations are up to date
 - Discuss any concerns with your health care provider. Here is the link to the consent form [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form \(gov.on.ca\)](#)
- **Be patient.** It will take time for COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to everyone in the community. Each group will be specifically identified and notified in advance to plan for vaccination – information will be posted on our website, social media, local media, and through healthcare and community partners – you won't be missed!

For more detailed information and FAQs about the vaccine visit the [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#) section of our website.