



CP SCOOP – April 29th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Seek & Find Activity Sheets - Kick off the month of May with this fun outdoor neighbourhood activity! The Carleton Place Recreation and Culture Department has partnered with Laura Keller Real Estate Team to present the Seek & Find Activity Sheets!

Starting April 30th, pick up your sheet and head out for a walk in your neighbourhood to see how many you can find! We have two (2) levels of searches: Little Seekers and Super Seekers!

Grab a copy at the following locations from Monday to Saturday:

- Carleton Place Arena - 75 Neelin Street
- Carambeck Book Box - 351 Bridge Street
- Library Book Drop Off - 132 Coleman Street

For more information, please visit the [Carleton Place Recreation & Culture Department Facebook](#) page, or contact Jessica Hansen: jhansen@carletonplace.ca, (613) 257-1690.

PENdemic Pal - Do you have 5, 10, 15 minutes to spare? Consider becoming a PENdemic Pal with a Senior in our Community! You and/or your child(ren) can choose to write letters, create artwork, or send an email to your paired senior!

The Recreation and Culture Department will be working with local seniors and seniors' residences to coordinate interested individuals with seniors in our community. We will facilitate the distribution of your wonderful notes/cards/creations and their replies! Help brighten the day of one of our local seniors!

Please contact Jessica Hansen if you are interested: jhansen@carletonplace.ca / (613)257-1690

FEDERAL UPDATES

Government of Canada Funds Two (2) New Projects to Encourage Vaccine Uptake in Canada -

Today, during National Immunization Awareness Week, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, announced an investment of \$2.25 million through the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF) for two (2) projects to support vaccination efforts. These projects will support vaccine uptake by ensuring Canadians have access to credible information on vaccination, as well as equipping healthcare providers and Canadians with proven strategies to manage pain and fear during vaccination.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Prepares to Accelerate Rollout as Vaccine Supply Increases - Increased allocations to hot spot communities to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives - In response to an expected increase in vaccine supply from the federal government, the Ontario government is preparing to ramp up its rollout of COVID-19 vaccines to further support at-risk communities. This includes a targeted commitment to allocate 50 per cent of upcoming vaccine shipments to hot spot communities as identified by postal code, to help decrease COVID-19 transmission and hospitalizations.

Ontario to Introduce Paid COVID-19 Leave - Province to reimburse employers for up to three (3) paid leave days related to COVID-19 for every employee - While the Ontario government continues to work with the federal government to further support vulnerable workers by doubling payments made through the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) program, the province will introduce legislation that, if passed, will offer up to three (3) paid sick days per employee.

Ontario Introduces Legislation to Take Action Against Stunt Driving and Street Racing - Proposed legislation would also strengthen provincial oversight of the towing sector - The Ontario government is taking strong action to protect road users against unsafe and aggressive driving with the introduction of the *Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021*, also known as the MOMS Act. The proposed legislation will introduce new measures to combat high-risk driving and improve road safety, including longer driver's licence suspensions and longer vehicle impoundment periods for drivers who engage in stunt driving, street racing and aggressive driving.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Almonte COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Expands - The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is expanding its vaccination capacity at the Almonte Vaccine Clinic. More space was available at the Almonte and District Community Centre (Arena) at 182 Bridge Street, to accommodate more vaccination stations and still retain physical distancing.

Vaccination eligibility

To keep residents updated as the stages of eligibility progress, information will be shared by the Health Unit with local primary care providers and other community partners. If there is a question about your eligibility or the eligibility of friends or family, please use [this tool](#) to help.

How to book your vaccination appointment

If you are over 60 years of age (born in 1961 or earlier), you can now book an appointment to receive vaccine at one (1) of the COVID-19 clinics in Brockville, Kemptville, Smiths Falls, or Almonte (or elsewhere in Ontario).

- If you have a green Health Card (with photo) and an email address
 - Use the Provincial online booking tool at www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine.
 - A friend or family member can book for the eligible person.
 - You can also call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at **1-888-999-6488, open Monday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

OR

- If you do not have a green photo health card, are eligible through a group in the current stage or need help to access the provincial online booking tool:
 - Call our local Leeds, Grenville, Lanark Call Centre toll-free at **1-844-369-1234, open 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week.**

Vaccines are given by appointment **ONLY** through the local or provincial booking systems.

What to expect at your vaccination appointment

On the day of your vaccination appointment, please complete a self-assessment at covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment. If you are unwell, please contact the health unit at 1-844-369-1234 to reschedule.

Please arrive no more than five (5) minutes early to register and enter through the main entrance of the building (facing Bridge St). Ample parking is available on site. If you need help with transportation or have mobility issues, contact the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 x2499. You will need to bring your health card and wear a short sleeve top. Please be sure to maintain a physical distance of 2m/6ft away from other people at all times.

Getting your vaccination

You will be greeted at the door and asked to put on a clean mask and wash your hands. You will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and your appointment and eligibility will be confirmed. The clinic will be located in the upstairs hall and elevator access is available (with limitations on the number of people allowed in the elevator or on the stairs at one time). After your vaccination, you will be asked to wait for 15 minutes to ensure no adverse effects. This is a common practice for many vaccinations.

“Many community partners have played a part in getting this clinic up and running,” says Jenny Vandermeer, Manager and Fixed Site Clinic Co-ordinator. “Watch for mobile clinics to be arranged to reach residents in other towns in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding!”

For more information

Visit: <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/protection/> for information about the vaccines and other questions about COVID-19. You can also follow LGLHealthunit on Facebook and Twitter. Visit the Ministry of Health’s website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca> for other information about COVID-19 and vaccines.