



CP SCOOP – April 7th, 2021

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Enacts Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order](#) - Additional measures needed to protect health system capacity and save lives during third wave of COVID-19 - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is immediately declaring a third [provincial emergency](#) under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA). These measures are being taken in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity, and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants.

Effective Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government is issuing a province-wide Stay-at-Home order requiring everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely. As Ontario's health care capacity is threatened, the Stay-at-Home order, and other new and existing public health and workplace safety measures will work to preserve public health system capacity, safeguard vulnerable populations, allow for progress to be made with vaccinations and save lives.

OTHER UPDATES

Local COVID-19 Vaccine Status - Update for the week of April 5th, 2021

What was done last week?

Clinics:

- Completed second doses for residents in Long-Term Care Homes (LTCHs) and High-Risk Retirement Homes (HR RHs)
- Continuing to provide first or second doses to new admissions to Long-Term Care Homes and High-Risk Retirement Homes
- Continuing to offer first doses to those in other Retirement Homes
- Operated four (4) fixed sites (Smiths Falls, Almonte, Brockville and Kemptville)
- Moved the Brockville clinic into the new larger space at the Memorial Centre
- Continued to support In House Hospital Staff Clinics
- Continued Outreach Team: Provides immunizations in homes for those that 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 1951 or before (70+).
- Opened up booking in the provincial appointment booking system for Indigenous adults (16+)
- [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 that have received an invitation link and code. If you have difficulties with your link, please email covid@healthunit.org.

Number of Immunizations Given:

- From March 29th to April 4th, 2021: 3,564 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 136 residents in Long-Term Care Homes/Retirement Homes received their second dose of vaccine.
- A **total of 21,932** individuals have received at least one (1) dose of the Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine (either through one 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 that received AstraZeneca in a Participating Pharmacy*

What is the plan for this week?

[Health Care Worker Prioritization](#)

[Phase 2 of Vaccination Prioritization Plan](#)

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.

Open our expanded clinic at the Brockville Memorial Centre (on the arena surface).

Promote Provincial Appointment Booking System for the general public based on five (5) year age groups continues.

- **Promote and support the new provincial COVAX appointment booking system for those born in 1946 or before (70+).**
- [How to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment \(ontario.ca\)](#)

- The system has already supported the immunization of other groups identified in Phase Two, including individuals aged 70 and over, with many public health units using the provincial booking system to offer appointments to individuals aged 60 and over (born in 1961 or before) beginning on April 7th, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
- * if you need to cancel your appointment through the provincial booking system, please go to [OMH – Manage your appointments \(covaxonbooking.ca\)](https://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.

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 appointment for AstraZeneca for 55+.

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

Finalize planning for community pop-up clinics in smaller communities and in-home vaccine referral process for those that are unable to get to a fixed site or a pop-up. Continue to grow capacity at our four (4) fixed sites.

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, essential trips only
 - 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!

*High-Risk Retirement Homes are defined as those that are co-located with a long-term care home and/or have a formal memory unit within the facility.

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

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - Health Unit warns of increase in COVID-19 in Areas Close to Ottawa - The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has detected a significant increase in cases of COVID-19 in the past week in Lanark East and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville East - areas close to Ottawa. Our report shows 41 new cases in United Counties of Leeds & Grenville East and 33 new cases in Lanark East since March 28th. Kemptville and Carleton Place have the greatest increase in new infections in these areas.

A high proportion of the new infections (17% in Lanark East and 34% in United Counties of Leeds and Grenville East) are COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) – mostly the B.1.1.7 variant (first identified in the UK). This variant is able to spread more easily with close contact between people. Symptoms may also be more severe with an increased need for hospital care.

The COVID-19 variants have also been found in other parts of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark area in smaller numbers. So everyone needs to ensure they are following public health precautions carefully.

Reducing close contact outside of one's household is essential to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including avoiding all social gatherings. Stay local and avoid travel outside the region. Practice physical distancing – stay 2 meters (6 feet) away from people in public areas, and wear a well fitted two (2) or three (3) layer mask (unless you have a medical exemption). Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after being in touch with others or handling anything from outside your home.

In the workplace, ensure a well-fitted two (2) or three (3) layer mask (unless you have a medical exemption) and eye protection is worn when within 2 metres of others, if there isn't a barrier between people, and also when in a small room or office. Avoid carpooling, and, if co-workers are together for breaks and lunchtime, ensure the room is large and well ventilated with plenty of room between people, as masks will be off to eat. Be aware that a co-worker is bringing their previous contact with others into the workplace. There are no "social bubbles" at work.

Pay attention to even mild symptoms including headache, sore throat, congestion, fatigue, fever, diarrhea and loss of taste or smell. This is the start of allergy season. If your symptoms are any different than your usual ones, go to be tested. Complete the online [self-assessment](#). If you are recommended for testing, self-isolate, and seek testing at an [Assessment Centre](#). We all need to do our part to slow and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

For more information about COVID-19, visit www.healthunit.org/coronavirus or call 1-800-660-5853 x2499. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @LGLHealthunit.

New Cardiac Equipment in the Emergency Department Supports Care - A new cardiac monitor in the Emergency Department (ED) at Almonte General Hospital (AGH) is helping to keep patients safe. The new equipment is used in the isolation room. This type of negative pressure room keeps patients with infectious illnesses - or patients who are susceptible to infections from others - away from other patients, visitors, and hospital staff.

“This room is reserved for some of our sickest patients, as well as those that might have COVID-19,” explains Manager Lynn Heath. “The new equipment provides dedicated monitoring for the safest care.”

The new state-of-the-art monitor can send reports directly to the physician for faster review and diagnosis. In addition, upgraded software through the department supports other cardiac monitors in use.

“This is just one of the ways we are keeping our patients and staff safe in the Emergency Departments in both Almonte and Carleton Place,” adds Lynn Heath. “We are open 24/7 and ready to care for patients with serious health concerns. We appreciate that members of our communities are taking the recommendations to stay home seriously, but it should not come at the cost of your health or safety. Proper screening and personal protective equipment are in place.”

“This cardiac monitor is a great example of donor dollars being well spent,” says Foundation Managing Director Al Roberts. “The Hospital identified it as a priority piece of clinical care equipment and Foundation funds were used to pay for it. Thank you to our community for their support in putting the best tools in the hands of the AGH’s wonderful doctors and nurses.”