



CP SCOOP – February 22nd, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Reminder - Additional Bag of Waste Extension ENDING - Council made the decision to extend the allowance of two (2) unstickered bags of waste per week, per household to **one week beyond the end of the Provincial shutdown period**. The Stay-at-home Order was lifted in our region on February 16th therefore, the **final day of the extension period will be Friday, February 26th**. Any additional bags will require a sticker. Residents can continue to use previously issued green stickers.



Survey Closes on Friday - Comprehensive Review – What do you want Carleton Place to look like 20 years from now? The population of Carleton Place is expected to increase from 10,644 (2016 Census) to 20,964 by 2038. We want to hear from YOU on where and how you think this anticipated growth should occur!

The Town is in the early stages of considering how we plan for this growth and we want to ensure that EVERYONE, including residents, businesses and developers, have a say in the process.



In order to gather feedback, the team at JL Richards and Associates has developed an initial [SURVEY](#) to gauge public opinion. We want to hear YOUR thoughts about the Town's future growth. Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated, and while the survey is anonymous, providing your contact information will allow us to keep you updated on further growth discussions!

[Please visit the survey site](#) to ensure your thoughts and opinions are captured and to get on our mailing list for future updates. **The survey will close on Friday, February 26th, 2021.**

FEDERAL UPDATES

[Public Health Agency of Canada to Begin COVID-19 Testing at Land Borders](#) - With new COVID-19 variant detections increasing, the Government of Canada recently announced further testing and quarantine requirements for travellers at land ports of entry. It is mandatory for travellers arriving at Canada's land ports of entry, unless exempted, to present proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result taken in the United States within 72 hours before entry into Canada or proof of a positive COVID-19 test conducted between 14 and 90 days before arrival.

As of February 22nd, 2021, to meet day one (1) arrival requirements, travellers entering Canada at land borders, unless exempt, will be required to take a test using a self-swab kit. This test can be taken either at the traveller's quarantine location or a border testing site.

To help travellers meet this mandatory requirement of a COVID-19 molecular test on day one (1) upon entry to Canada, self-swab kits will be handed out at all 117 land points of entry. There will be on-site testing provided at five (5) high-volume land ports of entry as of February 22nd, 2021, and 11 additional ports of entry as of March 4th, 2021. The kit will include instructions on how and when to collect their second required test on day 10 of their 14-day quarantine.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Supports Training of Hundreds of Personal Support Workers](#) - Projects will fill in-demand jobs and provide critical support to long-term care homes - The Ontario government is investing more than \$4.1 million to help train 373 new Personal Support Workers (PSWs) and provide them with additional health and safety resources. This funding will ensure Ontario has more PSWs to provide the best care for seniors and residents in long-term care homes while connecting people with meaningful work.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Status Report - Week of February 22nd – The local vaccine status will be updated weekly. We will update more frequently if we receive information that requires urgent release. Please note, our local plan is adjusted anytime new direction is received from the province.

What was done last week?

- Due to another delay in our shipment this week a few clinics were pushed back.
- Continued second doses for residents in Long Term Care Homes.
- From February 15th to February 21st: 375 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 562 individuals received their second dose of vaccine.
- A total of 2954 individuals have received at least one (1) dose of vaccine (either through the KHSC Clinic, the Ottawa Hospital Clinic or one of our mobile clinics) since our roll out started.

What is the plan for this week?

- Continued to roll out stage 1 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#). We will be providing second doses to those that need them and will begin offering first doses to staff and designated essential caregivers in long-term care homes (LTCHs) and high-risk retirement homes (HR RHs).
- Soft launch some of our fixed vaccination clinics for our stage 2 roll out. Sites are planned in Almonte, Smiths Falls, Brockville and Kemptville. Instructions on how to book appointments and what to expect will be communicated through the place of work or another group representative for the priority groups. Media wanting to get more info or photos from these sites must contact media@healthunit.org; please do not go to the sites in person.
- Priority groups will be invited to attend these clinics and will be provided with a unique booking code that will allow them to book directly online or through the health unit.

What are we working on for next week?

- Continue to build capacity in our four (4) fixed sites.
- Roll out will continue with stage 1 second doses for residents in LTCHs and HR RHs, and first and second doses for staff and essential caregivers in LTCHs and HR RHs.

- Planning to begin rollout for first doses for residents in Retirement Homes.
- **When the fixed clinics are able to open to a wider population, including adults 80 years of age and older, booking instructions will be made known on the website, through social media, local radio and newspaper, local organizations, and health care providers. We have received many calls and emails from adults 80 years of age and older asking how they will know when to book an appointment, so please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbours in this age group.**
- **Adults 75 years and younger will begin in stage 5 of our roll out. We anticipate that this will begin in April.**

What can I do now?

- Get informed: [visit COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#).
- Stay healthy.
- Follow COVID precautions – wear a mask, keep the 2m/6ft distance from others, follow 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!