



CP SCOOP – March 22nd, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Class Order Lifted – Library open for light browsing and computer use - With the Class Order lifted, the library has reopened to the public for light materials browsing and computer use. Curbside pickup services remain available.

Browsing Library Materials

- Beginning March 22nd, 2021, library visitors will be welcome to browse the library collection
- Items used within the library will be disinfected before being returned to the shelves.

Public Computers

- Computers are available on a first come, first served basis for 30-minutes time slots.
- To keep our users safe, public computers have been spaced to allow for a social distance of six feet
- Public printing, photocopying, scanning, and Wi-Fi services are also available.
- Medical-grade keyboards have been installed for easy cleaning between uses, and new cleaning procedures have been implemented.

Curbside Pickup

Curbside pickup service continues! Just call the library when you arrive at 613-257-2702. Staff will bring your items outside and place them on the cart.

Returning Library Materials

- Material returns must be placed in the blue return box outside of the library. Returns cannot be accepted inside the library at this time.
- Materials will be quarantined for 72 hours before returning to circulation. During this time, you will still see these materials on your account. No fines will be charged on these materials.

We're looking forward to seeing you again!

FEDERAL UPDATES

[Government Announces Extension of Canada Emergency Business Account to Help Small Businesses](#)

- Today, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, and the Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, the Honourable Mary Ng, announced that the deadline for new Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applications is being extended from March 31st to June 30th, 2021.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Supporting Hospitals with Additional Funding During COVID-19](#) - Substantial investment will help provide financial stability to hospitals across the province - The Ontario government is providing over \$1.2 billion to help Ontario's public hospitals recover from financial pressures created and worsened by COVID-19. This investment will ensure hospitals can continue to provide the high-quality patient care Ontarians need and deserve.

OTHER UPDATES

Local COVID-19 Vaccine Status - Update for March 22nd, 2021

What was done last week?

Booking for clients in the following groups:

- Health Care Worker – Highest Priority*
- Health Care Worker – Very High Priority*
- Health Care Worker – High Priority*
- Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living)
- Adults born in 1941 or before (80+)
- Adults receiving chronic home care health services
- Indigenous Adults born in 1966 or before (55+)

Clinics:

- Continued second doses for residents in Long-Term Care Homes and High-Risk Retirement Homes.
- Operated four (4) fixed sites (Smiths Falls, Almonte, Brockville and Kemptville).
- Continued to support in-house Hospital Staff Clinics.
- Activated our Outreach Team: Provides immunizations in homes for those who are receiving home care services or have severe mobility issues (age 80+, and now 75+).
- Continued our [contingency list program](#) to offer up last minute doses to those in the priority groups.

New Provincial Appointment Booking System for those 80+

- Promote and support the new provincial COVAX appointment booking system for those born in 1941 or before (80+).
- Open new call centre to support individuals who have questions or need support booking appointments, 1-844-369-1234

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for All Priority 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.

Number of Immunizations Given:

- From March 1st to March 7th: 3,746 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 38 individuals received their second dose of vaccine.
- A **total of 13,997** individuals have received at least one 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, stage 2 and some of stage 3 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).

New Provincial Appointment Booking System continues

- Promote and support the new provincial COVAX appointment booking system for those born in 1946 or before (75+).
- Continue with call centre to support individuals who have questions or need support booking appointments, 1-844-369-1234.

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Appointment Booking System for All Priority 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.
- 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.
- Continue to grow capacity at our four (4) fixed sites. These clinics are by invitation only and not open to the public.

What are we working on for next week?

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

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, make 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!
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Rogers Connecting Rural Communities in Eastern Ontario - Now more than ever, wireless connectivity has become an even greater necessity for Canadians. Completing everyday activities such as checking the weather, speaking to family members across the country, or calling for a tow truck while you're at the side of the highway are things many people in larger cities can take for granted. That's why we're excited to be partnering with the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), to bring [reliable wireless connectivity](#) and real choice to rural communities across Eastern Ontario.

Together, we'll invest more than \$300 million over the next five years to upgrade and expand our network in the 113 municipalities and Indigenous communities of the region. We'll be delivering 99% cellular coverage, eliminating "dead zones" across 11,000 km of rural highways and improving accessibility to public and emergency services.

To better serve rural Eastern Ontario, an area of some 50,000 square kilometres, the project will involve the construction of more than 300 new telecommunication sites and will upgrade more than 300 existing sites over the next four to five years. Upgrades and construction will begin as early as this spring. Powered by Ericsson, Rogers brings the latest generation in 5G wireless network technology, which over time will deliver unprecedented speed, instant response times, and fast, reliable connections that transform how people live and work. New services will be activated as groups of towers are built or upgraded. The project is to be completed in 2025.

Over the last year, our team has worked tirelessly to set the foundations of this partnership. We're thrilled that this project is expected to create more than 3,000 new jobs, \$420 million in local economic growth, and will bring vital 5G infrastructure to Eastern Ontario for a safer, more prosperous, and connected future.

Workers Impact Study - Today, the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark launched the [Worker Impact Survey](#) in Renfrew County and Lanark County, in conjunction with five (5) other local workforce planning boards in Eastern Ontario. The survey, open from March 15th to April 30th, allows individuals to share information about their employment challenges over the last year. This survey will help to support local recommendations for training and skills development initiatives.

With the support of the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Worker Impact Survey results will be shared with community stakeholders to provide a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on the workforce. The survey will also help to increase awareness of the local labour supply, employment barriers for job seekers and those not participating in the labour force, and reasons for labour force under-utilization.

The Boards will be working hard to connect with individuals within their local regions to generate a response rate that provides meaningful results and provides a perspective on how jobs have been impacted across Eastern Ontario. In addition to the survey, each workforce planning board will host at least one (1) focus group during that period. The survey and focus group results will be communicated in June with the final report being made publicly available in July.

[Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Outbreak declared at Rideau Ferry Country Home](#) - The Health Unit is working with Rideau Ferry County Home to manage a COVID-19 outbreak. One staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. A single laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in a resident or staff member is considered as a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak in the home.