



CP SCOOP – March 29th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Easter Waste Collection Information – Friday, April 2nd, 2021 - Due to the Good Friday statutory holiday, garbage & recycling collection that would normally occur on Friday, April 2nd will **INSTEAD occur on Saturday April 3rd, 2021**. Please have your waste at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

For more information about garbage & recycling collection in the Town of Carleton Place, please visit our website, www.carletonplace.ca or download the free Carleton Place Waste Solutions App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to receive information & reminders about waste and recycling collection.

Employment Opportunity – Senior Plans Examiner - The Town of Carleton Place is seeking an individual to fill the full-time position of Senior Plans Examiner.

Summary: The Senior Plans Examiner shall carry out the Municipality's mandate under the Ontario Building Code Act and other applicable Municipal By-laws. The successful applicant will be responsible for the daily review of submitted plans for issuance of permits, coordination of overflow plans examinations to team members, assistance to the Chief Building Official on new Department policies and conducting inspections as needed.

The 2021 salary range is \$32.94 - \$41.95 per hour.

A detailed job description for this position, can be accessed on the [Employment Opportunities](#) page on the Town's website.

Interested applicants are invited to submit an application in confidence by 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 12th, 2021.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Supports the Tourism and Hospitality Sectors during COVID-19](#) - 2021 budget commits \$200 million to help stabilize tourism industry and protect jobs - The Ontario government is providing an estimated \$100 million for a new one-time Ontario Tourism and Hospitality Small Business Support Grant and \$100 million for a new one-time recovery program.

Ontario Expands COVID-19 Vaccination Booking to Individuals Aged 70 and over in Additional Regions - Province extending appointments to more people ahead of schedule - The Ontario government is extending booking for COVID-19 vaccination appointments to individuals aged 70 and over through its online booking system and call centre in 11 additional public health units on March 29th, 2021, following its [expansion in Toronto](#) that began on March 27th, 2021.

Middlesex-London Public Health Region Moving to Red-Control Level of COVID-19 Response Framework - Province taking immediate action to stop the spread of COVID-19 - In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is moving Middlesex-London Health Unit to the Red-Control level in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#). The decision was made at the request of the local medical officer of health due to concerning trends in public health indicators in the region.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - 70+ Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine - If you are over 70 years of age (born in 1951 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 or a family member have a green Health Card (with photo) and an email address
 - Use the Provincial online booking tool at www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine.
 - 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.** If the booking systems are busy – try again in afternoon or later if possible to get through.

OR

- If you do not have a green photo health card, 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., 7 days a week.** If you cannot get through, then try later in the day.
 - Email covid@healthunit.org and include your name, date of birth, and preferred clinic location(s) and a phone number. Due to the volume of email, it may take several days to reply.

If you have friends or family who are 70 or older (were born in 1951 or earlier), ask them if they have had their vaccine or booked an appointment. Consider helping these individuals to book their appointments, as some may not have online access or be comfortable booking online appointments.

Only individuals who are eligible and who have booked an appointment will get their vaccine at our clinics. Do not share any booking codes you receive with family or friends. Please check [our eligibility tool](#) to see if you are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. We will be updating the tool regularly so you will be able to find out when you can receive the vaccine. If you have any health concerns, speak with your health care provider before booking.

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Ontario's Workplace Education and Enforcement Campaign returns to Lanark County March 30th and March 31st - The Ontario government is continuing its series of education and enforcement campaigns to ensure businesses across the province are taking the necessary steps to keep employees, consumers and the public safe. These campaigns support the current efforts of police, municipal by-law officers, and public

health inspectors to educate businesses and enforce the COVID-19 health and safety requirements. Last November, inspections were held in LGL to increase education and compliance.

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is welcoming back the provincial government's education and enforcement team to several communities on March 30th and 31st, including Almonte, Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls areas. Another visit has been organized for April 14th and 15th in the Leeds and Grenville area.

During the campaign, a team of 18 provincial offences officers from across ministries will be visiting local businesses and workplaces (including but not limited to retail stores, restaurants, and gyms) to check for COVID-19 precautionary measures. While in the Red Zone of the Ontario [COVID-19 response framework: keeping Ontario safe and open | Ontario.ca](#) all businesses are required to have:

- Active screening for employees and patrons
- Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) that protects their eyes, nose and mouth as described in their safety plan.
- Physical distancing
- Capacity limits must be posted
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Safety plans

These precautions are of the utmost importance to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. For information on specific public health requirements for your business sector please visit our webpage at <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/business-re-opening/>.

These inspections are primarily focused on education and outreach – confirming that businesses are doing the right things and keeping employees, consumers and the public safe and providing them the opportunity to contact public health for continued support. However, charges can be laid if there is a blatant disregard for public health measures and non-compliance with the Reopening Ontario Act.

The most common areas of non-compliance during all campaigns to date have been improper mask use, lack of a safety plan, lack of employee screening, and improper cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. Locally the Health Unit has received several complaints about inconsistent mask use, the lack of proper physical distancing and overcrowding at our local retail and food service businesses. We also know that workplaces may loosen their adherence to measures in common employee areas. There are more than 200 sector-specific guidance resources at [Ontario.ca/covidsafety](https://ontario.ca/covidsafety) to help business owners and operators create their workplace safety plan.

During each visit, officers provide business owners with guidance on how to operate safely during the pandemic and comply with public health requirements under the *Reopening Ontario Act*. Businesses will be emailed a report after the visit. These campaigns are developed in consultation with local health units and support Ontario's [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) under the *Reopening Ontario Act*.

For more information about operating a business during COVID-19, visit: <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/business-re-opening/>.

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Local COVID-19 Vaccine Status Update for March 29th, 2021

What was done last week?

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 planning for our Brockville Clinic expansion (takes effect week of April 5th).
- 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.

- Promote and support the new provincial COVAX appointment booking system for those born in 1946 or before (75+).
- [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 22nd to March 28th: 4177 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 194 residents in Long-Term Care Homes/Retirement Homes received their second dose of vaccine.
- A **total of 18,368** individuals have received at least one (1) dose of vaccine (either through the KHSC Clinic, the Ottawa Hospital Clinic or one (1) of our mobile clinics) since our roll out started.

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***
- **Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living)**
- **Adults born in 1951 or before (70+)**
- **Adults receiving chronic home care health services**
- **Indigenous Adults (16+)**

Continue 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 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 1951 or before (70+).**

- [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.**

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- 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. Please Note: If you book an appointment but you are not eligible to receive the vaccine, you will be turned away at the clinic when you arrive and are screened there. Please do not share booking codes, and do not book an appointment if you are not eligible.
- 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 and stage 3 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).
- [Prepare for 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
 - 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 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.