



CP SCOOP – March 5th, 2021

## MUNICIPAL UPDATES

**Confirmed COVID-19 Case at Municipal Childcare Centre at 3 Francis Street** - The Town of Carleton Place is working with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit to address a recent confirmed case of COVID-19 at 3 Francis Street. All persons in the cohort room of eight (8) (children and teachers) are isolating at home for a period of 14 days and will undergo testing. Any person considered high-risk has been contacted by public health and provided with direction.

Staff are diligently following all recommended safety protocols as outlined by the Health Unit.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853, extension 2222.

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**Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings** - The Town of Carleton Place Council will hold its Council and Committee of the Whole meetings via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9th starting at 7:00 p.m. The agenda and associated documents are available on the [Town's website](#). Members of the public can view the meeting online via [Zoom](#) or a live stream to the [Town Hall Facebook](#) page.

## FEDERAL UPDATES

**Health Canada authorizes Janssen COVID-19 vaccine** - Today, Health Canada authorized the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Janssen Inc. Health Canada received an application from Janssen Inc. for authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine on November 30th, 2020. After a thorough, independent review of the evidence, the Department has determined that the vaccine meets Canada's stringent safety, efficacy and quality requirements. The Janssen vaccine is the first single-dose COVID-19 vaccine to be authorized in Canada, and can be stored and transported at refrigerated temperatures (from 2° to 8°C) for at least three (3) months, facilitating distribution across the country. The vaccine is authorized for use in people over 18 years of age, and is a [viral vector-based COVID-19 vaccine](#).

## PROVINCIAL UPDATES

**[Toronto, Peel and North Bay-Parry Sound Public Health Regions Returning to Strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework](#) - Seven (7) other Public Health Regions moving to new levels in the Framework** - The Ontario Government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is transitioning Toronto, Peel and North Bay Parry Sound District public health regions out of the shutdown and into the revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping](#)

[Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework"), with the [Stay-at-Home order](#) no longer in effect. In addition, seven (7) other public health regions are being moved to new levels in the Framework. All decisions were made in consultation with the local medical officers of health and are based on the latest trends in public health indicators and local context and conditions.

The following seven (7) public health regions will also be moving to the following levels in the Framework:

**Red-Control**

- Peterborough Public Health;
- Public Health Sudbury and Districts; and
- Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit.

**Orange-Restrict**

- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit; and
- Timiskaming Health Unit.

**Yellow-Protect**

- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

All changes will be effective Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. [Please visit the Ontario Covid Response website](#) for the full list of public health region classifications.

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**[Ontario Ready to Rollout Phase 2 of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#) - Focus will be on older adults, those at risk of serious illness and hot spot areas** - The Ontario government is preparing to move into Phase 2 of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan next month, with a focus on vaccinating populations based on age and risk. This approach is designed to save lives, protect those at risk of serious illness and to stop the virus from spreading.

**OTHER UPDATES**

**Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit** - We know it's disheartening and stressful to see the rise in cases, but let's all please remember that 'cases' are people. We don't all have control over how and where we may be exposed due to many circumstances. We ask for everyone's help to be kind, and not speculate or spread rumours of who has tested positive or how they were exposed. We can get through this by staying [#COVIDSmart](#) and [#LGLStrong](#).