



CP SCOOP – March 8th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Chase the Rainbow in Carleton Place - Gather the family or take on the challenge yourself! The Recreation & Culture Department has placed 16 rainbows throughout our neighbourhood parks and trails and we invite you to go searching. Take a photo with each rainbow photo that you find and submit to: jhansen@carletonplace.ca or message our Facebook page. Each located rainbow photo is an additional entry into the draw! So the more you find, the better your chances are to win!

For more information, please visit: www.carletonplace.ca or check out the Recreation and Culture Facebook page.

Statement from Mayor Black on International Women's Day - Today, on International Women's Day, I would like to acknowledge all the women in Carleton Place and around the world who lead, who fight for change and equality, and who continue to inspire those around them.

This year's theme is #choosetochallenge. A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So, let's all choose to challenge, celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness against bias and take action for equality.

We have so many examples of strong, supportive, and uplifting women in this community. I would like to share just a few whose achievements have made a substantial impact on the quality of life here in Carleton Place:

Our dedicated leader, **Diane Smithson**, CAO for the Town of Carleton Place, who day in and day out makes the hard decisions for the betterment of our Town.

Linda Seccaspina – my fellow Councillor who fiercely believes in and advocates for her community.

Erin Lee – Executive Director of Interval House, who works tirelessly to provide a safe place for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence.

Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit and **Mary Wilson Trider**, CEO and President of the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital – who have both been at the forefront of guiding our community through this past year as we face the challenges of navigating through a global pandemic.

Kate Murray and **Jackie Kavanagh** who manage the Downtown Carleton Place BIA and Chamber of Commerce respectively, and who have done so much in the last year to encourage the support of our

local small business community, including the many businesses owned and operated by women in Carleton Place.

Ensuring the women in our lives, our mothers, our wives, our sisters, and daughters, feel respected, empowered, and supported is critical to advancing gender equality. Please take some time and think about how you will #choosetochallenge in 2021.

Sincerely,

Mayor Doug Black

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Completes All First Dose COVID-19 Vaccinations in Northern Remote Indigenous Communities](#) - Administration of second dose underway and to be completed by April -

Ontario has reached a key milestone in protecting remote and isolated Indigenous communities against COVID-19, having visited all 31 fly-in northern communities and Moosonee to offer first doses of the vaccine as part of Operation Remote Immunity.

[Ontario Colleges Now Accepting Applications for Accelerated Personal Support Workers Program](#) – One (1) of the largest PSW recruitment and training drives in the province's history

- Ontario colleges are now accepting applications to Ontario's new accelerated training program for personal support workers (PSWs). The Ontario government is providing \$115 million to train up to 8,200 new personal support workers for high-demand jobs in the health and long-term care sectors. This is part of the government's [Long-Term Care Staffing Plan](#), one of the largest PSW recruitment and training drives in the province's history.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit – March 8th, 2021 Vaccine Status Report – The Health Unit's [COVID-19 Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#) helps facilitate the efficient and effective delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark and aligns with the [Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#). Many people are calling to ask when we are vaccinating their age group. Please help us to keep our phone lines open! We can NOT take appointments for those over 80 yet. It is only specific groups who are directly invited that can currently book appointments for vaccine clinics. Check [Ontario.ca](#) website in the coming days for the approximate time your age group may be vaccinated. We are not vaccinating anyone from the community this week. Health Care Workers that are being vaccinated this week will be contacted through their employer for their instructions on booking appointments.

What was done last week?

- Continued second doses for residents in Long-term Care Homes and High-risk Retirement Homes.
- Began first doses in other Retirement Homes.
- Opened the Smiths Falls Fixed Site Vaccine Clinic.
- Supported five (5) In-house Hospital Staff Clinics.
- Began booking Adults 80+ in for clinics

- We have worked with our community partners and have identified individuals in this category. A group of partners has started calling each 80+ adult to offer an appointment. Please be patient and wait for your call. They will leave a message if they don't get you.
- Launched our [contingency list program](#) to offer up last minute doses to those in the priority groups.
- From March 1st to March 7th: 3771 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 239 individuals received their second dose of vaccine.
- A total of 6725 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.
- Health Canada approved two (2) more vaccines for COVID-19 (Oxford-AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) – we are waiting for details from the Province about how these vaccines will be distributed.

What is the plan for this week?

- Continue to roll out stage 1 and stage 2 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 and High-risk Retirement Homes.
- Continue to grow capacity at our four (4) fixed sites. These clinics are by invitation only and not open to the public.
 - Priority groups will be invited to attend these clinics and will be provided with a unique booking code that will allow them book directly online or through the Health Unit.
- A group of partners will be calling individuals in the 80+ age group to offer an appointment. Please be patient and wait for your call. They will leave a message if they don't get you. For those 80+ that do not have a primary care provider, please email llq80plus@gmail.com. Please leave your name, date of birth and a phone number.

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 Long-term Care Homes and High-risk Retirement Homes, and first and second doses for residents, staff and essential caregivers in Long-Term Care Homes and all Retirement Homes.
- Adults 79 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-19 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 consent form [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form \(gov.on.ca\)](#)
- [Contingency List for COVID-19 Vaccine Fixed Clinics](#). There are times that we find we have extra doses of vaccine near the end of a clinic. This could be because of no shows or last minute cancellations. Given the importance and limited supply of this vaccine it is imperative that we not waste one (1) dose. We also need to consider that the vaccine is fragile and according to its unique storage and handling guidelines cannot be moved beyond the clinic it has been brought to. As our fixed sites grow, it is important for us to have a group of ready individuals

that live within 30 minutes of one of the fixed sites and would be willing to come and get a vaccine with last minute notice. These individuals still must be part of the priority group we are targeting. The clinic lead will monitor doses available at the clinic, when they know doses will be available they will pull up the contingency list and begin calling people that meet the eligibility criteria (phone number may come up as a private caller). This individual will be invited to come to the clinic to receive the extra dose. The individual will be given further direction at the time on where to go and what to do. If there are no extra doses, then we will not need to implement the contingency list for that site on that day. If you would like to be on the list, please complete the e-form.

- Priority Groups
 - Highest Priority, Very high Priority, or High Priority Healthcare Worker groups.
 - Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living).
 - All Indigenous adults.
 - Adult recipients of chronic home care.
- 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!
 - 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.
 - Adults 79 years and younger will begin in stage 5 of our roll out. We anticipate that this will begin in April.

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

[Lanark County Community Paramedic Program to Receive \\$3.25 Million in Funding](#) - The Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS) and Almonte General Hospital (AGH) are pleased to announce an injection of funding from the Ontario government to expand their Community Paramedicine Program (CPP). This funding will provide additional support for eligible seniors with 24/7 access to community paramedicine services including non-emergency home visits, wellness checks, and in-home diagnostic testing and treatments.