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COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman

Mar. 5, 2021

Welcome

Welcome everyone to this week's community update. I'd like to welcome our special guest today Dr. Chernish, a specialist physician in our local hospitals who's going to offer his perspective from inside the ICU during the pandemic following our community updates.

Vaccine rollout

Yesterday we opened the first large vaccination clinic in Waterloo Region at the Boardwalk in Waterloo. An additional site will open in Cambridge the week of March 8th, with one more to follow the week of the 15th (also in Cambridge).

As vaccine supply increases in the coming months, these locations will play a critical role in the Region's target of delivering 10,000 or more doses each day.

I'd like to assure everyone that across the province Ministries of Health, public health units, hospitals, home care, long-term care, primary care, paramedics, municipal staff and more are doing everything they can to get vaccine in arms as soon as they receive it. We need to celebrate each and every vaccine as a win. We're all ahead with every injection no matter where that occurs in our province. With varying demographics in each region, the numbers will be different. It's not a race, it's a united effort to get as many people vaccinated as possible.



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We continue to see progress in Waterloo Region, we celebrate that, and we also celebrate the progress in other communities across the Province and beyond.

Enforcement update

This update is from February 25 to March 3 and includes actions from our local enforcement partners.

There have been 9 enforcement actions since the last media update.

- 4 for the reporting period Feb 25 to Mar 3
- 5 charges are from the previous reporting period, but were not reported at the time of the update
- GRT Security issued 1 ticket, at the Fairway Terminal, for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering By-Law - \$240 fine.
- Region of Waterloo Security issued 2 tickets at 140 Weber St E (Waterloo Region Housing) for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering by-law - \$240 fine each.
- City of Waterloo By-Law issued 5 tickets for Failing to Comply with a continued Order, at two separate private residences for gatherings, under the Re-opening Ontario Act - Total payable is \$880 each



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- Region of Waterloo Public Health issued 1 ticket to Barber Pole & Co in Cambridge for Failing to Comply with a continued Order regarding the inadequate use of face coverings – total payable is \$880.

International Women's Day

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize International Women's day this coming Monday. I hosted the annual Women's day breakfast at the Greater KW Chamber this morning and I'm always impressed by the women leaders we have in this community. The Region continues to support equity in the workplace and in the community. We have two great examples of women in leadership on this update today and I'd like to thank both Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang and Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton for their leadership and dedication throughout this pandemic and in the work they do every day. We are making progress.

Now we will move on to our weekly update from medical officer of health Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang and Vaccine Task Force Chair, Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton.

Dr. Wang's COVID-19 public health update

Deputy Hilton's Vaccine Task Force update