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COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman April 30, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week's community update.

Progress on vaccine rollout

I am pleased to report that we continued to make real progress with the vaccine rollout this week. We expanded eligibility to several more priority groups, including employees in many sectors who cannot work from home and who are out in the community providing essential services for us.

We also continued steadily administering more shots. Almost two hundred thousand people have now received the vaccine in Waterloo Region, about 40 percent of our eligible population.

And based on new data, we continue to refine and make informed decisions that support expanding the vaccine into more priority neighbourhoods. Deputy Shirley Hilton will have more details on the plan for these neighbourhoods in her update.

Sadly, this week we also saw another COVID-19 related death in Waterloo Region. This is a solemn reminder that while more and more of us get vaccinated, we must also still continue to follow provincial orders and all health and safety measures. Following these protocols saves lives.

This week we also commemorated those who have died, been injured or suffered illness in the workplace. April 28th was the National Day of Mourning, a time to remember those affected by these tragedies. It of course has a particular resonance this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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COVID-19: A community story

As we continue to forge ahead during the pandemic, the hard work, sacrifice, and collaboration continues within and among our municipalities, community groups, organizations, and neighbourhoods.

From drive-by parades lifting spirits on special days, to new partnerships that support the health and safety of priority populations, our community has shown that we are stronger together. COVID-19 truly is a community story.

To chronicle the partnerships across our Region, as well as a thank you to all those who have contributed to our pandemic response, Regional staff have compiled a story that reflects our collective strength and resilience.

You can walk through this collection of milestones and achievements by visiting [w-w-w dot region of waterloo dot ca, slash community story](http://w-w-w.regionofwaterloo.ca/community-story). Our hope is that this story makes our community proud, and gives our community more hope as we continue to work together and support each other. Hope is on the horizon, in part because of the community groups and volunteers that have stepped up, and gone above and beyond, for their fellow residents over the past year.

We saw an example of this just this week. Residents at our long-term care home in Kitchener who are unable to go out because of COVID-19, received a donation of coffee and treats from a local Tim Hortons. One resident said it made their week. Let's continue to be kind and support each other in every way that we can.

Enforcement update

I will now provide an update on enforcement.

There have been 46 enforcement actions since the last media update.

There are 42 charges for the reporting period April 22 to April 28, 2021.



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There were also 4 charges from the previous reporting period that was not reported at the time of the update.

- Region of Waterloo Public Health issued 1 ticket to Vivo Pizza and Pasta, Waterloo, for failing to comply with a continued order, regarding non-compliant mask use – total payable is \$1130
- City of Cambridge By-Law issued 6 tickets to private residences for gatherings – total payable is \$880 each.
- City of Kitchener By-Law issued 7 ticket to a private residence for a gathering – total payable is \$880.
- City of Waterloo By-Law issued 12 charges:
 - 3 tickets for gatherings at private residences – total payable is \$880 each
 - 3 Summons to appear in court under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for failing to comply with the stay at home order. Fines are determined by the court.
 - 6 summons to appear in court were issued under the Re-Opening Ontario Act for failing to comply with gathering provisions. Fines are determined by the court.
- Waterloo Regional Police Services issued 9 tickets under the Re-Opening Ontario Act to individuals for Failing to Comply with a continued Order, for attending a gathering exceeding the gathering limits, at the Trinity Bible Chapel.
- Waterloo Regional By-Law issued 7 Summons to appear in court regarding Trinity Bible Chapel; one to the Church and 6 to the church Elders, regarding the organizing of a gathering exceeding the gathering limits. Fines are determined by the court.
- GRT Security issued 2 tickets (Frederick Station and Ainslie Terminal) for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering by-law – \$240 fine



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- Corporate Security issued 1 ticket at 140 Weber St E (Waterloo Region Housing) for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering by-law - \$240 fine.
- Wilfrid Laurier University Special Constables issued 1 ticket at a student residence for a gathering – total payable is \$880.

Now we will move on to our weekly update from Medical Officer of Health Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang.

Update from Dr. Wang.

Now we will move on to our weekly update from Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton.

Update from Deputy Chief Hilton.

I will now turn it over to this week's guest, Chief Brian Larkin, who will provide an update to the coordinated approach around enforcement across the Region.

Update from Chief Larkin

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Thank you everyone for joining us today. We hope to see you again next Friday. Have a safe and healthy weekend.