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

Welcome

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

Vaccine

I am pleased to share that as a result of the collective efforts of our community, more than 46,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given since this time last week. This includes continued hard work by Regional staff, the Province, and our many community partners, including primary care and pharmacies. The vaccine rollout is working. Almost 80 percent of residents have received a first dose, and over 30 percent have received a second dose.

We are making it easier for residents to get vaccinated. The 'What's your why' campaign has reached hundreds of thousands of people in our community, and our expanded clinics and hours continue to provide easier access to the vaccine. Deputy Shirley Hilton will provide a full update on our progress with the vaccine rollout a little later on.

We will also hear from our guest, Ron Gagnon, President and CEO of Grand River Hospital. He has joined us to share what he is seeing in the community and in his hospital.

Enforcement

I will first provide an enforcement update. There were 27 charges for the reporting period of June 24-28, and 2 charges from the previous reporting period.



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The charges include 25 summons to 10 individuals issued by City of Waterloo By-Law related to demonstrations on King Street on May 9th, May 30th, and June 6th.

Four tickets were issued for failing to wear a mask, each payable at 240 dollars:

- One by Grand River Transit at Ainslie Street Terminal in Cambridge
- One by corporate security at 140 Weber Street East, and
- Two by corporate security at 150 Main Street in Cambridge.

The next couple weeks are critical. Thank you to our community for stepping up together to get through this.

I will now turn things over to Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, the Region's Medical Officer of Health, who has an update on the COVID-19 situation in our community.

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Deputy Hilton will now provide us with an update on the vaccine rollout.

Update from Deputy Hilton.

Thank you, Deputy Hilton.

I will now pass things over to Ron Gagnon, President and CEO of Grand River Hospital, to share what he is seeing in the community and the work that Grand River Hospital is doing to help our community through this pandemic.

Update from Ron Gagnon.



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Thank you Ron and thanks to your staff for all that they do. We will now take questions from the media.

Media Q&A

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