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COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman July 9, 2021

Welcome

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

In three days, we will enter stage two of the Province's roadmap for reopening. This is only possible because of the hard work of our many clinic staff, volunteers and the hundreds of thousands of residents in this region who went out and got their vaccine. As we move into step 2, it is vital that we continue to follow public health measures and get vaccinated.

Since being designated a Delta hotspot last month, the number of adults that have been fully vaccinated has increased rapidly, from six percent to forty-one percent. For first doses, we went from fifty-nine percent of adults to eighty percent. This is remarkable progress. But we are not at the finish line yet. As Deputy Chief Hilton will discuss shortly, we continue to make it easier for residents to get vaccinated. We will also hear from our guest, Dr. Sharon Bal, on the great work that primary care physicians are doing on vaccinations and on what she is seeing in the community.

Enforcement

I will now provide an update on local enforcement measures. We have 3 new actions to report since last week. All tickets were issued under the Reopening Ontario Act for private gatherings with total payable of 880 dollars each. 2 of the tickets were issued by City of Cambridge by-law and the other by City of Kitchener by-law.



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This week, multi-ministry inspection teams from the province have also been in the Region to ensure adherence to health and safety requirements for workplaces.

I'll now hand things over to Dr. Wang now for an update on COVID-19 trends.

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang. Echoing your remarks, I want to emphasize again that as hopeful as we are, the situation remains precarious. We must continue to vaccinate and follow public health measures.

I now invite Deputy Hilton to speak to the plans for this weekend and the hockey hub clinic model.

Update from Deputy Hilton.

Thank you, Deputy Hilton.

We will now turn things over to Dr. Sharon Bal to discuss the critical role primary care physicians play in the vaccine rollout and what she is seeing in the community.

Update from Dr. Bal

Thank you Dr. Bal for all that you do and for your time today.

We will now open it up for media questions.

Media Q&A



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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.