Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week’s community update. I’m Bruce Lauckner, the Chief Administrative Officer for the Region of Waterloo, filling in for Chair Redman this week, who has a conflict.

As our community continues to plan summer activities, it’s easy to lose track of time and next steps – so I want to remind parents that it is both essential and urgent that we plan for the fall. Prepare your children for school with the full protection that the vaccine provides. All children aged 12 to 17 who go out and get their first vaccine in the coming week, can squeeze in their second shot before school starts. We know what this protection is worth. Fully vaccinated people account for only half of one per cent of new COVID-19 cases in Canada.

This week, we were excited to announce youth and family clinics across the Region from August 4th to 14th. These clinics are located at five area schools. All you have to do is walk in to get your first or second dose; you do not need an appointment.

If your children already have the vaccine, please encourage your neighbours, your sports teams, and your friends to roll up their sleeves and join the fight against COVID-19. We know that this virus continues to pervade. The vaccine is our best defence. We continue with strategies to help our community develop a stronger shield in this battle.

While these larger clinics continue, we remain focused on other flexible, community based models such as the mobile vaccination bus. This past
week, the mobile vaccination bus administered dozens of vaccines to people who are unable to get to a clinic or pharmacy.

Every dose counts. The more we get vaccinated, the safer we are, and the closer we get to a full reopening.

**Enforcement**

There were 3 enforcement actions since our last media update, 1 of which was from the previous reporting period:

- Region of Waterloo bylaw issued a ticket to Living Waters Book and Toy Inc under the Reopening Ontario Act, total payable of $1,130.
- City of Waterloo bylaw issued a ticket to Pasha Shisha under the Reopening Ontario Act, total payable of $880.
- Grand River Transit issued a ticket at Mill Station for failing to comply with the face covering by-law, total payable of $240.

I’ll now pass things over to our Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wang.

**Update from Dr. Wang.**

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Vickie Murray, Director of Regional Vaccine Services, will now speak to the Region’s vaccine roll-out.

**Update from Vickie Murray.**

Thank you Vickie. We will now take media questions.

**Media Q&A**

**Extro**
Thank you everyone for joining us today. Have a safe and healthy weekend.