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COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman

May 28, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to the community update.

This week is Paramedic Services Week. While we typically associate paramedics with emergency room visits, they deliver so many critical services and community supports, and this has especially been the case during the pandemic. We are fortunate to be able to hear from two members of the Region of Waterloo Paramedic Services today. We are joined today by Stephen Van Valkenburg, Chief of Paramedic Services, and Ann Bettles, a paramedic with the Community Paramedicine program. We look forward to hearing from them later.

Due to the hard work and sacrifice of numerous community members, we continue to meet important vaccine milestones.

More than two hundred and eighty seven thousand people living in Waterloo Region have now received the vaccine. As supply ramps up, we deliver more doses every day. Last Friday, we achieved our highest number of vaccines administered in one day, with over 74 hundred doses.



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Thank you to all of the teams working together to make this possible for our community. We have more work to do to ensure as many people as possible in our region can be vaccinated. This includes reaching out to university and college students, as well as younger teenagers.

Enforcement Update

We also see the continued need for enforcement and education. There have been 35 enforcement actions since the last update. There are 18 charges for the reporting period of May 20 to May 26. There were 17 charges from the previous reporting period.

- Waterloo Region Police Service issued 27 tickets under either the Reopening Ontario Act or Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, all with a total payable of \$880 each.
 - 1 ticket was issued as a result of demonstrations at Waterloo Town Square on May 2nd.
 - 19 tickets were issued as a result of demonstrations at Waterloo Town Square on May 9th.
 - 6 tickets were issued as a result of demonstrations at Victoria Park, in Kitchener, on May 16th.
 - 1 ticket was issued at a private residence in Waterloo, for obstructing a person performing a duty in accordance with a continued order.



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- City of Kitchener By-Law issued 3 tickets for gatherings at private residences, with total payable of \$880 each.
- City of Cambridge By-Law issued 1 ticket for a gathering at a private residence, with total payable of \$880.
- Region of Waterloo Corporate Security issued 3 tickets with total payable of \$240 each:
 - 2 tickets were issued at 150 Main Street for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering by-law.
 - 1 ticket was issued at 140 Weber St East for Failing to Comply with the Face Covering by-law.
- Region of Waterloo Public Health issued 1 ticket to the corporation of Innocente Brewing Company, for Failing to Obey a Continued Order, for providing dine in service within the premises – total payable \$1,130.

I will now pass things over to Dr. Wang for a public health update.

Update from Dr. Wang.

I will now pass things over to Deputy Hilton for a vaccine update.

Update from Deputy Hilton.



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Paramedic Services

This week is Paramedic Services Week. Our team of paramedics, support staff, and administrative staff are committed to serving the community with compassion, care, dignity and professionalism. Their work has been crucial during the pandemic.

Chief Van Valkenburg – over to you.

Update from Chief Van Valkenburg and Ann Bettles

Thank you Ann and Chief Van Valkenburg, for your continued commitment to supporting our community through the pandemic.

The work and sacrifice of all who are contributing during the pandemic is inspiring and it makes me so proud and grateful to live in Waterloo Region.

Media Q&A

We will now start taking media questions.

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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.