

# COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman

## June 18, 2021

### Welcome

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

### Seniors' Month

I want to start this week by recognizing a major milestone for the children, grandchildren, siblings, partners, and friends who have loved ones in long-term care. Starting this month, during Seniors' Month, the Province gave essential caregivers and residents who are both fully vaccinated more opportunities to connect with friends, family, and their community, whether outside the home or with increased socializing. This encouraging example represents where we want to be as a larger community, and where we can be with higher levels of vaccination among Region of Waterloo residents.

We aren't there yet. We need to continue along the path to community immunity. We can't afford delays. The businesses, workers, students, your neighbours, and your loved ones, rely on you to do your part. The presence and rapid increase of the Delta variant in Waterloo Region makes the need to get two doses that much more urgent. We continue to advocate to the province for more vaccines and mobile teams.

As individuals, the most important thing we can do is get vaccinated and follow public health guidance. Over 83% of Waterloo Region's Delta variant cases are unvaccinated individuals. Over 78% of hospitalized cases in the Region are unvaccinated individuals.

## **Enforcement**

This week's enforcement update includes 2 new actions to report from the period of June 10 to 16, as well as 6 charges from the previous reporting period.

There were 3 tickets issues under the Reopening Ontario Act, payable is \$880 each:

- City of Waterloo by-law issued 1 ticket for a private gathering
- City of Kitchener by-law issued 1 ticket for a private gathering and 1 ticket to East Africa Café for failing to comply with a continued order.

Waterloo Region Police Service issued 5 charges related to gatherings in Waterloo Town Square and Wilmot Township office:

- 3 summons to appear in court – fines to be determined by the court
- 2 tickets for failing to obey a continued order, payable is \$880 each

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 how we are doing with the vaccine rollout.

### **Update from Deputy Hilton.**

Thank you, Deputy Hilton.

We will now take media questions.

## **Media Q&A**

### **Extro**

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