



# SPEAKING NOTES

## COVID-19 Community Update – Chair Karen Redman December 29, 2020

### Enforcement update

Welcome everyone to this week's community update. Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanza to those celebrating in our community this week.

Our enforcement update is from December 17<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> and includes actions from our local enforcement partners.

### 11 tickets were issued over the 11 day period:

- 2 tickets issued by Region of Waterloo Public Health, for Failing to Obey a continued Order, both \$880 tickets
  - Sushi Star, Kitchener, for exceeding capacity limit
  - Pizza Roma, Waterloo, for failing to ensure proper wearing of a face covering
- 6 tickets issued by City of Kitchener By-Law at 2 residential properties for exceeding gathering limits, all \$880 tickets
  - 5 of the charges were issued to people at the same address/gathering.
- 1 ticket issued by City of Waterloo Bylaw to 168 Sushi, Waterloo, Failing to Obey a continued Order, exceeding capacity limit, an \$880 ticket
- 2 tickets issued by GRT Transit Security, at Ainslie Terminal for failure to wear a mask (\$240 fine)

### In this together campaign

For those at home with children over the break, I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the snow while we have it.



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Thank you to our health care, front line and essential service workers who continue to work hard for our community during the pandemic and specifically over the holidays.

As this wraps up our last formal update for 2020, I wish you all a healthy 2021. This week there will be a lot of reflecting about 2020 and what it meant for us individually and as a community. I hope in your reflection you see the light at the end of the – very long – tunnel and the hope that 2021 brings.

Our “In this together” campaign reminds us to support and protect each other. As we patiently watch the vaccine distribution – and we anticipate a ramp up of our local clinics and more doses from the province in the coming days and weeks – it’s important to continue to be kind to yourself and each other.

Our “In this together” window signs can be downloaded from the Region’s website in 10 different languages or use the hashtag #BeKindWR on social media to share your stories of kindness and inspiration.

## **Dr. Wang COVID-19 update**

## **Deputy Hilton COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force update**

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