



SPEAKING NOTES

COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week's community update. This week, I am excited to welcome Cameron Eaton, a support specialist from Grand River Hospital and lead with the mobile vaccine bus clinics. Cameron has been involved in a whole range of vaccine initiatives across the Region, and has seen how the rollout has evolved and impacted our community.

We are going to begin today's update by hearing Cameron's story.

Interview with Cameron

Thank you Cameron for all that you have done during the pandemic. It is people like you who are helping to protect our community. We know you've got a busy day so we will let you get back to protecting the community. Thank you for your time and all that you do.

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of summer, and fall is only weeks away.

This summer, Waterloo Region showed its community spirit by coming together to fight COVID-19. As we slowly re-opened, we did our best to keep each other safe, by following public health guidelines and getting vaccinated. We did it for ourselves, our families, our communities and for everyone on the frontline during.



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We need to continue doing what we can to put this pandemic behind us. We have made great progress in our fight against this virus.

As school returns and weather gets colder, we have to continue to follow measures, such as wearing a face covering, following gathering limits and getting vaccinated.

Please, if you are not fully vaccinated, get your first or second dose as soon as you can. The evidence is clear – unvaccinated people are more likely to catch COVID-19, end up in hospital and require ICU care.

There are no new enforcement actions to report since the last media update.

I will now pass it to our Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wang for a Public Health update.

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 open it up to questions from media.

Media Q&A

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