



# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Friday, Sept. 10, 2021**

### **Welcome**

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

Today our guest is Lee Fairclough, President of St. Mary's Hospital and hospital lead for the COVID-19 response.

This week was eventful for our community, as schools and post-secondary institutions welcomed back students, faculty and staff for the start of the academic year.

For many, this is a time of joy, learning and pride. It can also be a time of significant stress and anxiety, so it is important that we treat everyone with additional care as we return to school and the rhythms of the fall.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the return back to class a smooth one. This includes the work of teachers, parents, and students, but also the many volunteers, bus drivers, and members of the public involved in keeping our students safe. This includes everyone aged 12 and above who is getting vaccinated, in order to keep their community safe. I am wishing everyone a healthy and fulfilling academic year.

This week, we marked another COVID-19 vaccination milestone. 80 per cent of Waterloo Region residents aged 12 and older are now fully vaccinated. Let's continue to push our vaccination numbers higher. It has never been easier to receive a vaccine. You can drop in at several clinics without an appointment and the mobile bus is also out in the community. The highest level of vaccination we can achieve, the safer we are. For more



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information on where to get vaccinated, visit [www-dot-RegionofWaterloo-dot-C-A-slash-GetVaccinated](http://www-dot-RegionofWaterloo-dot-C-A-slash-GetVaccinated).

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

I will now pass it to our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wang.

## **Update from Dr. Wang.**

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton will now speak to the Region's vaccine roll-out.

## **Update from Shirley Hilton.**

Thank you, Deputy Chief Hilton.

We will now hear from our guest, Lee Fairclough, President of St. Mary's Hospital.

## **Update from Lee Fairclough,**

Thank you Lee, and a huge thank you to the staff at St. Mary's and our other local hospitals.

We will now open the floor for media questions.

## **Media Q&A**

## **Extro**

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