



SPEAKING NOTES

COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Friday, Sept. 17, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week's community update. This week, we will hear from Ian McLean, President and CEO of the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce. Ian will talk about how the pandemic is affecting local businesses, particularly with the province's proof of vaccination policy commencing next Wednesday.

The numbers do not lie. The unfortunate story of hospitals and ICU's in Ontario shows that the majority of patients admitted due to COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Getting vaccinated protects you, your community and those who are not able yet to get a vaccine.

Over 81 per cent of eligible residents in Waterloo Region are fully vaccinated. This is an impressive milestone, but let us aim higher! The higher level of vaccination, the lower the impact COVID-19 and the Delta variant will have in our community.

Enforcement Update

There are nine enforcement actions to report since the last update. City of Kitchener by-law issued six tickets under the Reopening Ontario Act for gatherings at private residences. These tickets carry a fine of \$880 each.

Region of Waterloo Public Health issued three tickets. One each at Dallas Nightclub and Erb and Culture which carry fines of \$880, and one at StreetLights which carries a fine of \$1,130.



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I'll now pass it to our Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wang.

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang. This news is very difficult to hear. On behalf of Regional Council, I want to extend my deepest condolences to the family. We are deeply saddened by this tragic loss.

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 this week's guest, Ian McLean, President and CEO of the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce. Thanks for coming today Ian.

Update from Ian.

Thank you Ian. 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.