Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week’s community update. This week, we welcome Doctor Ivan Joseph, Vice President of Student Affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University, and Chief Bryan Larkin of the Waterloo Regional Police Service.

Doctor Joseph and Chief Larkin have important messages to share about keeping the university community, and broader community, safe ahead Homecoming Weekend.

To anyone celebrating Homecoming, please, avoid large gatherings and make good decisions this weekend. Students are a valued part of this community and an ingredient in our collective success and future. Its important that we all treat each other with respect and work together to keep our community safe and healthy.

This past week, the Province’s proof of vaccination program began in certain businesses and settings. This important step reduces the risk of COVID-19 and encourages eligible people to get vaccinated.

I know this is something new that we are all getting used to. Please, be kind to one another when visiting businesses and venues in our community. Let us treat staff and other people with respect and patience. We all want businesses to be open, and stay open.

If you are fully vaccinated, and need proof of vaccination, you can get it online by visiting covid-19.ontario.ca.
There are three enforcement actions to report since the last media update. City of Waterloo by-law issued a ticket for a gathering at a private residence, and at Streetlights Bar for violating continued orders. Both tickets carry a fine of $880 each. Region of Waterloo Security issued one ticket for failing to comply with the Face Covering By-law. That ticket carries a fine of $240.

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

**Update from Dr. Wang.**

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Before passing it over to Vickie, I want to thank Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton and the rest of the vaccine taskforce for their hard work to get us to where we are today. As we have seen throughout the pandemic, we are fortunate to have dedicated individuals across our community who are generous with their time and expertise. Deputy Hilton models this. On behalf of the community, I’d once again like to thank Deputy Hilton and the task force for their hard work.

Our next speaker also models this service. We’re very grateful that Vickie Murray will continue her important work as Regional Vaccine Lead, and we recognize there is a fabulous team alongside her.

Welcome, Vickie.

**Update from Vickie Murray.**

Thank you, Vickie.

We will now hear from our guests Doctor Ivan Joseph and Chief Bryan Larkin. Welcome.
Update from Ivan Joseph and Bryan Larkin.

Thank you both for your remarks and time today.

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.