



SPEAKING NOTES

COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Friday, October 1, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week's community update. This week, I am happy to welcome Joe Birch, Chief Operating Officer with the Kitchener Rangers.

We are exactly one week away from dropping the puck for a brand new OHL season. This is an exciting symbol of reopening and a small sense of normality for our community, as we are able to cheer on a hometown team together for the first time in over a year.

A safe return-to-play is only made possible by our community's response to the pandemic, by getting vaccinated and following public health measures to curb the spread of COVID-19.

With capacity limits increasing for activities like sporting events, it is so important to continue to follow public health measures. With a proof of vaccination system and safety protocols in place, it is possible for us to have a safe and successful OHL season.

It is so important for all of us to continue doing our part, so we can safely and cautiously enjoy more activities like this in our community.

The data speaks for itself. Unvaccinated people have a higher risk of experiencing severe illness from COVID-19, ending up in hospital, and ending up in the ICU.



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Vaccines continue to be our best defense against this virus. The more our community gets fully vaccinated, the safer we will be.

There are 10 enforcement actions to report since the last update. City of Waterloo by-law issued 10 tickets for gatherings at private residences under the Reopening Ontario Act. These tickets carry a fine of \$880 each.

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

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

David Aoki, the Region's Director of Infectious Diseases and Chief Nursing Officer, will now speak to the Region's vaccine roll-out.

Update from David.

Thank you, David.

We will now hear from this week's guest, Joe Birch from the Kitchener Rangers. Welcome Joe!

Update from Joe.

Thank you Joe. 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 weekend.