Welcome

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

Today is a big day for the community, as Waterloo Region begins administering children’s doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to kids between the ages of 5 and 11. For many families, I know this is a sense of relief. Kids can now get a vaccine to protect against the virus and the Delta variant, in welcoming settings across the region.

Vaccines are an important tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and now allows families with young children to feel safer resuming normal activities.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids, including ways to make the vaccination experience positive for children, visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/ChildrenVaccine. Director of Regional Vaccine Services, Vickie Murray, will have more to share in a moment.

There is 1 enforcement action to report since the last update. Grand River Transit Security issued 1 ticket at the ION Waterloo Park stop for failing to comply with the Face Covering By-Law. This carries a fine of $240.

As we begin to vaccinate children aged 5-11 in our region, we are happy to welcome Dr. Matthew Purser as this week’s guest. Dr. Purser is a full time pediatrician working at Cambridge Memorial Hospital and Grand River Hospital. Dr. Purser has squeezed us into his busy schedule, so we will let him go first.
Welcome Dr. Purser

**Update from Dr. Purser**

Thank you Dr. Purser for the work you and doing with children and families in our community. We appreciate you sharing your time and expertise this morning.

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

**Update from Dr. Wang.**

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Regional Vaccine Services Director, Vickie Murray, will now speak to the vaccine roll-out. Hello Vickie.

**Update from Vickie Murray.**

Thank you, Vickie.

We will now open it up to questions from media.

**Media Q&A**

**Extro**

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