



SPEAKING NOTES

COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Welcome

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

The holiday season is looking and feeling a little different. I know the community is used to spending the holidays in busy social settings with many friends and family. But this time, we are doing what we can to protect the people we love.

As we manage the highly transmissible Omicron variant in the community, please continue to reduce your social contacts and keep gatherings small. Enjoying the holidays responsibly, helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep the community safe.

Yesterday, Waterloo Region marked a milestone of administering one million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a great achievement, and a reflection of the community's willingness to roll up their sleeves and do what it takes to put this pandemic behind us.

The vaccine roll-out continues to ramp up, and we are working hard with community partners to administer booster doses and children's doses as quickly as possible.

We are looking for local businesses to run vaccine clinics to help vaccinate even more people. For more information, visit [**regionofwaterloo.ca/WorkplaceVaccination**](https://regionofwaterloo.ca/WorkplaceVaccination).

There is one enforcement action to report since the last update.



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City of Kitchener Bylaw issued one ticket for a gathering at a private residence, which carries a fine of 880 dollars.

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

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Our Regional Vaccine Lead, Vickie Murray, will now speak to the vaccine roll-out. Morning Vickie.

Update from Vickie Murray.

Thank you, Vickie.

We will now open it up for media questions.

Media Q&A

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Thank you everyone for joining us today. I hope you have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.