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COVID-19 Community Update – Karen Redman Friday, Aug. 13, 2021

Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week's community update. This week, I am excited to welcome Doctor Jen Jones, a family physician at the Centre for Family Medicine in Wellesley. Doctor Jones will speak to primary care's important role in the vaccine roll-out.

This evening, the Health Sciences Campus and Wellesley vaccination clinics will administer doses for the last time.

Although vaccination clinics are winding down, vaccine operations will be ongoing for as long as needed. We are shifting to a more targeted strategy, focusing on mobile clinics to reach unvaccinated members of the community.

We are immensely grateful for partnerships with the Centre for Family Medicine, and the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy. They have made it possible for these two vaccination clinics to immunize thousands of residents.

75 per cent of all eligible residents are now fully vaccinated.

We would not have reached this milestone without all the physicians, pharmacists, nurses, administrative staff, students and volunteers at these clinics who have gone above and beyond to protect residents living in Waterloo Region's urban and rural communities.

And there are still many opportunities to get fully vaccinated.



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Two mobile vaccination buses are still bringing vaccines to priority neighbourhoods, workplaces, churches, shopping centres, festivals, markets and other locations to make it easier for those who still need a first or second dose of the vaccine.

Youth and their family members are also encouraged to get vaccinated at school clinics this weekend.

Grand River Collegiate Institute in Kitchener, and Southwood Secondary School in Cambridge are honouring all appointments in addition to accepting walk-ins for first and second doses, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. today and tomorrow.

When you make the choice to get vaccinated, you're protecting yourself and your loved ones, and you're also protecting our community.

There is one enforcement action to report since our last update. Grand River Transit issued a ticket for failing to comply with the Face Covering by-law at the ION Blockline Station. The ticket carries a fine of \$240.

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

Update from Dr. Wang.

Thank you, Dr. Wang.

Vickie Murray from the Vaccine Distribution Task Force will now speak to the Region's vaccine roll-out.

Update from Vickie Murray.

Thanks Vickie.



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We will now hear from this week's guest, Doctor Jen Jones from the Centre for Family Medicine in Wellesley.

Update from Jen Jones

Thank you Doctor Jones. 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.