Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week’s community update. This week, I am happy to welcome back Dr. Kelly Grindrod from the University of Waterloo’s School of Pharmacy, to talk about how vaccines help to keep the community safe.

Anyone who still needs a COVID-19 vaccine can get one. Regional vaccination clinics, and select pharmacies and primary care providers are still providing first and second doses to eligible community members.

Third doses offer better protection while the Delta variant is still circulating. They are available to people 70 and older, First Nations, Metis and Inuit adults, health care workers, caregivers, and anyone who received a complete vaccine series with a viral vector vaccine such as Astra Zeneca. If you need a third dose, you can book an appointment at www.regionofwaterloo.ca/GetAVaccine.

When the vaccine is approved for children age 5 to 11, a comprehensive vaccine roll-out will ensure that families who wish to vaccinate their children will be able to do so. The Vaccine Distribution Task Force has done a tremendous job in helping to fully vaccinate over 88 per cent of residents aged 12 and older, and will be ready for this age group when approved.

This week, the Province of Ontario announced it is pausing the lifting of capacity limits in remaining settings where proof of vaccination is required. I support this decision, made out of an abundance of caution to keep people safe.
We are not out of the woods yet. Let us keep following public health measures and do our part to keep ourselves and the community safe.

There are 10 enforcement actions to report since the last update. Public Health issued one ticket to the Pick and Shovel restaurant in Cambridge for failing to comply with Step 3 requirements under the Reopening Ontario Act. This carries a fine of $880.

The City of Waterloo issued 8 tickets for gatherings at private residents; these also carry fines of $880 each.

GRT Transit Security issued 1 ticket for failing to comply with the Face Covering By-Law. This 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.

Director of Regional Vaccine Services Vickie Murray will now speak to the vaccine roll-out. Good morning Vickie.

**Update from Vickie Murray.**

Thank you, Vickie.

We will now hear from this week’s guest, Dr. Kelly Grindrod.

**Update from Kelly.**

Thank you Kelly. 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.