

HPMVAC update: Feb. 11, 2021

Current Vaccination Status in Huron-Perth

- Vaccine supplies remain limited at the moment. Ontario is in Phase 1 of the province's three-phase vaccination plan. Phase 1 focuses on four priority populations including long-term care.
- From Jan. 12 to Jan. 27, there were 1459 first doses administered in Huron-Perth long-term care homes and high risk retirement homes.
- This week HPPH continues to give second doses to residents of long-term care homes and high-risk retirement homes in accordance with current Ministry direction.
- Staff, residents and essential caregivers of these facilities remain the priority population and the province will continue to provide direction on who receives the next doses of vaccine that arrive. HPPH also continues to work as a regional group with Middlesex London Health Unit, Southwestern Public Health and London Health Sciences Centre for regional vaccine distribution.

Current Vaccination Activities

- Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) has released the Huron Perth COVID-19 vaccine implementation plan overview.
 - Huron-Perth is a large geographic area with small populations distributed throughout. HPPH and partners are committed to providing vaccinations equitably across Huron-Perth for everyone who wants to be vaccinated and want to remove as many barriers as possible. Given these factors, HPPH is using a model that brings vaccines to people instead of people to vaccines.
 - The Huron-Perth model relies on the Three Ms:
 - Mass vaccination clinics
 - Mobile clinics
 - Multiple sites and partners
 - Due to cold chain requirements with Pfizer vaccine, initial plans are for vaccinations to occur in community "hubs". Planned hub locations include Clinton, Exeter, Goderich, Listowel, Milverton, Seaforth, Stratford, St. Marys, Mitchell and Wingham. Hub locations are subject to change and may ramp up or down depending on vaccine supply and target populations for vaccination.

Please Note

- HPPH, in collaboration with partners, will aim to vaccinate all eligible recipients in Huron Perth (currently those ≥ 16 years old without a medical contra-indication) who wish to be vaccinated.
 - **There is no wait list.** As vaccinations roll out, HPPH and partners will be sharing information widely on who is eligible to receive the vaccine and how to get it. This will include targeted outreach through organizations and facilities, as well as mass media, print, and social media.

- Vaccine doses can be maximized through use of 1mL syringes. We ask our healthcare partners to consider using alternate syringe sizes where appropriate to preserve all 1mL syringes for vaccination purposes in our communities.
- As vaccinations roll out, it is also important to continue following all public health measures: wash hands often, avoid close contact with people who are not part of your household, maintain two metres of physical distance from others, wear a mask in indoor public spaces, stay home when sick.

For More Information

Please visit www.hpph.ca/vaccine for more information, or contact your HPMVAC sector representative. The HPMVAC membership list is available at www.hpph.ca/vaccine. You can also call HPPH at 888.221.2133 for more information.

About HPMVAC

The Huron Perth COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Advisory Committee (HPMVAC) is a collaborative of multiple relevant sector stakeholder members from our Huron and Perth communities.

Under the leadership of Huron Perth Public Health, our table has been meeting to inform COVID-19 mass vaccination planning and operations for our communities.

This memo serves to update you, our community members and partners. Please note, guidance provided is tentative and subject to change. This reflects the evolving nature of COVID-19 and related supply chain logistics.