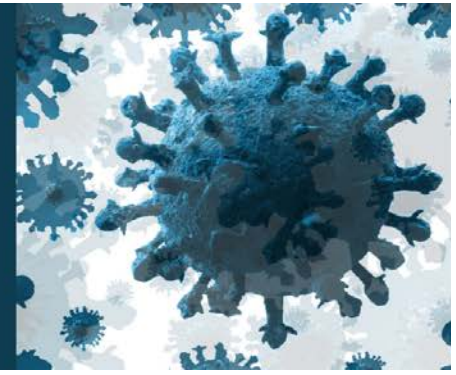


COVID-19 Immunization Update

For Health Care Providers in Oxford County, Elgin County,
and the City of St. Thomas



Week of January 4, 2021

An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health

Please share with staff as appropriate.

ACTION: SWPH COVID-19 Vaccination Weekly e-Newsletter

- Southwestern Public Health requires all health care providers and organizations to sign up for our weekly COVID-19 immunization e-newsletter updates. This is the primary way immunization information will be shared across the region. Sign up today here: <http://eepurl.com/hnoSX5>.
- *Please note: we are legally obliged to request opt-in for this e-newsletter.*

What You Need to Know this Week:

- (Ret.) General Hillier's plan for Ontario's vaccine roll out - who is eligible and when?
<https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-implementation-plan-en-2020-12-11-v3.pdf>
- Adverse events following immunization may happen. Report them to SWPH using this form:
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/A/2020/aefi-reporting-form.pdf?la=en>
- We are building a local health care provider Mass Vaccination Advisory Group. This team of key regional health care stakeholders will inform local priorities for public clinics available in Phase 2 and early Phase 3 of the provincial rollout strategy.
- Our website is a source of up-to-date, reliable, local information about vaccine roll out in our region. Visit:
<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>
- The sore arm, mild fever and malaise often experienced following other vaccinations also follow administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. You may hear from recently vaccinated providers/essential workers experiencing post-immunization symptoms. They may wonder if they can return to work safely. The BCCDC has helpful guidelines in their post-vaccination information sheet http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%202%20-%20Imms/Part4/COVID-19_Vaccine_After_Care_Sheet.pdf
- We have heard reports that so far the Pfizer vaccination being administered at the Western Fair Agriplex, in partnership with London Health Sciences Centre, Middlesex-London Health Unit and Huron Perth Public Health, is well tolerated by recipients.

Provincial-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Information

- Visit covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario for more information about Ontario's vaccination roll-out.