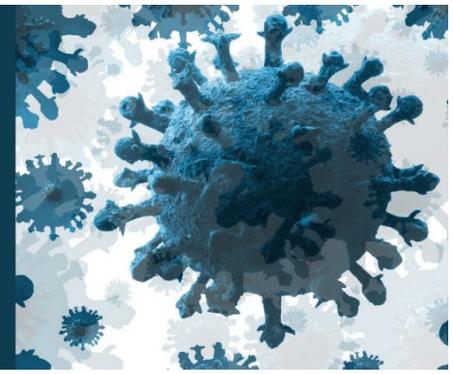


COVID-19 Immunization Update

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



Week of February 15, 2021

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

Please share with staff as appropriate.

REMINDER: 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. If you have not already signed up, please do so 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:

- On February 14, 2021, the Ontario Ministry of Health, under the direction of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force, announced updates to sequencing of Phase One priority populations for vaccination with vaccine supply resuming.
- With the renewed delivery of vaccine and guidance from the Province, the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) and Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) will be expanding vaccination to additional priority groups identified in Phase One of Ontario's Vaccination Plan, who have yet to receive a first dose. Read the [full news release](#).
- SWPH has sent letters to long-term care and retirement homes instructing facility administrators to prepare a list of eligible staff and essential caregivers to receive first dose vaccinations. Eligible staff and essential caregivers will receive further instruction from their facility administrator to book their vaccination appointment. Any individuals who are not on the eligibility list, will not be able to book an appointment through the Western Fair Agriplex.
- Ontario has also announced plans to begin expanding eligibility to health care workers. We will share criteria for this group as we hear more from the Province and as vaccine supply is available. Despite renewed delivery of vaccine, supply remains limited across Ontario.
- Read the latest [Update from the Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee](#).

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- SWPH has launched a new **COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line** to help keep our community members informed on the rollout of vaccine in Oxford, Elgin and the City of St. Thomas. Community members may call the local phone numbers below to hear a pre-recorded message about the availability of the vaccine, who is eligible, and how to book an appointment when it is their turn. SWPH will update the recording frequently as new groups are eligible.
 - **519-631-4125 (Elgin)**
 - **519-533-4560 (Oxford)**