



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: June 1, 2021

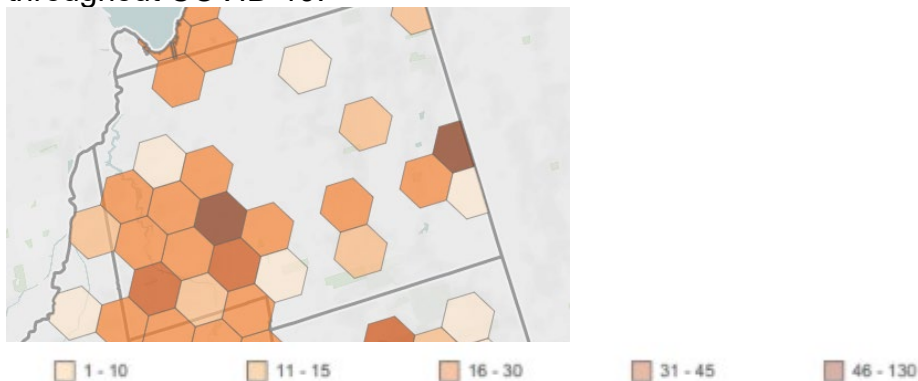
Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-10

Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

The COVID-19 Control Group continues to meet and is in regular communication with Council, neighbouring municipalities and York Region. The group also continues to work closely with Provincial and York Region Public Health Officials regarding this public health crisis.

East Gwillimbury COVID-19 Data and Statistics

Residents can access COVID-19 data through York Region's website at www.york.ca/covid19. This information can be drilled down to show positive cases through an interactive dashboard for each municipality. This dashboard is available under *maps* at www.york.ca/covid19data. The below image showcases cases in EG throughout COVID-19.



East Gwillimbury Metrics	May 13, 2021	May 28, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	1,061	1,116
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	1,028	1,098
Total Active Cases	28	12
Total Confirmed Deaths	5	6
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	32	19
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	1 (workplace)	0
Total Closed Outbreaks	38	41
Total Variant Cases Identified	337	383

Provincial Stay-at-Home Order Update

On May 20, 2021, the province revealed a three-step Roadmap to Reopen plan for the gradual reopening of outdoor and indoor activities. The three-step plan is tied to vaccination rates and hospital intensive care numbers. The Roadmap to Reopen is guided by the following principles:

- **Step One** - An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions. This includes allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining with up to four people per table and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.
- **Step Two** - Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits, as well as indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.
- **Step Three** - Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn. This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness; indoor dining, museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls, with capacity limits.

The province will remain in each step for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. If at the end of the 21 days, the following vaccination thresholds have been met, along with positive trends in other key public health and health system indicators, then the province will move to the next step:

- **Step 1:** 60 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose.
- **Step 2:** 70 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent vaccinated with two doses.
- **Step 3:** 70 to 80 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 25 per cent vaccinated with two doses.

Based on current trends in key health indicators, including the provincial vaccination rate, the government expects to enter Step One of the Roadmap the week of June 14, 2021. The province will confirm closer to the expected start of Step One. A full list of the reopening roadmap is available in Appendix A.

Based on the announcement, some outdoor amenities reopened on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Parks amenities that were reopened include skate and bike parks, basketball/multiuse courts, tennis courts, shade structures and splash pads. However, no outdoor sports or recreational classes are permitted. Outdoor limits for social gatherings and organized public events were also expanded to five people, including

with members of different households. All other public health and workplace safety measures under the provincewide emergency brake remained in effect.

York Region held a Pop-up Clinic in EG the weekend of May 22 and 23

York Region, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, hosted a Pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in the Town of East Gwillimbury on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. The clinic was set up and operated by the Canadian Red Cross. The clinic vaccinated a total of 823 individuals, including booked appointments, walk ins and some eligible second doses.

The clinic was held at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex at 1914B Mount Albert Road and was supported by the Town of East Gwillimbury COVID-19 Control Group, facility staff and Emergency Services. The East Gwillimbury Public Library provided phone assistance to 30 residents with questions and booking appointments at the pop-up clinic.



York Region Residents aged 12+ are now eligible for vaccines

As of May 21, 2021, anyone 12 years of age and older living, working or going to school in York Region can book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination. York Region is hosting youth-friendly clinics with longer appointment time slots, targeted mental-health resources, and an opportunity for families to get vaccinated together.

Individuals 13 years of age and under require a parent or legal guardian to provide consent at the time of the vaccination. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany their 12 and/or 13-year-old child to the appointment, they then can complete and sign a [consent form](#) and send it with the child to the appointment.

York Region continues to open new vaccination appointments each week and offer a variety of opportunities for residents to be vaccinated in their community.

Province announced plans to proceed with second dose administration of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

The province, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other public health experts, is proceeding with second dose administration of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, beginning with those who received their first dose of the vaccine between March 10 and March 19, 2021.

For a limited time during the week of May 24, individuals who received their first dose of AstraZeneca during the period of March 10, 2021, to March 19, 2021 could opt for an earlier dose interval of 10 weeks with informed consent. Choosing to receive the second dose of AstraZeneca at the 10-week interval is safe and provides strong protection against COVID-19.

The province will continue to provide further guidance with respect to administering doses of two different vaccines in the near future and in advance of the 12-week interval when most people are needing to receive their second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine. When the time comes to receive a second dose, everyone who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine will receive either an AstraZeneca or mRNA vaccine for their second dose.

Second doses will continue to be [administered to eligible individuals](#), as directed by the province

Previously Booked Second Dose Appointments

- Second dose appointments will continue to be administered to eligible individuals as directed by the province
- Those who have dates booked for their second dose can be assured their appointments will be respected

Second Dose Appointments for [Highest Risk Health Conditions and Indigenous Populations](#) can now book through york.ca/covid19vaccine

- The Province of Ontario has set the standard interval between first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination at 16 weeks
- Some groups or individuals are eligible to receive a second COVID-19 vaccine dose at a shortened interval; shortened second dose is approximately 21-28 days for Pfizer, 28 days for Moderna or 12 weeks for Astra Zeneca
- The following groups are currently eligible to receive a second dose at a shortened interval:

1. Individuals in an authorized age group undergoing hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
2. People who have had a solid organ transplant
3. People who received a stem cell transplant
4. People with cancer of the blood, bones or lymph nodes who are undergoing active treatment
5. People with malignant solid tumours undergoing active treatment
6. Indigenous individuals (on or off reserve), including adult household members
7. Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges, assisted living facilities

Second Dose Appointments [for High-Risk Health Care Workers](#) can now book through york.ca/covid19vaccine

- Certain [high-risk health care workers](#) who have already received a first dose and are eligible to receive a second dose at the shorter interval, including:
 - All hospital and acute care staff in front-line roles with COVID-19 patients and/or with a high-risk of exposure to COVID-19, including nurses and personal support workers and those performing aerosol-generating procedures
 - All patient-facing health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response
 - Medical First Responders
- Community health care workers serving specialized populations, including:
 - Long-term care home and retirement-home health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers and essential caregivers
 - Individuals working in Community Health Centers serving disproportionately affected communities and/or communities experiencing highest burden of health, social and economic impacts from COVID-19
 - Critical health care workers in remote and hard to access communities, e.g., sole practitioner
 - Home and community care health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers caring for recipients of chronic home care and seniors in congregate living facilities or providing hands-on care to COVID-19 patients in the community

For those who did not receive a second dose appointment following first appointment

- Not everyone who got their first shot of Pfizer or Moderna was given an appointment for their second dose
- For those who got their shots later in the process and were not given a second dose appointment, York Region Public Health is working on a plan to contact you well in advance of the four-month timeframe
- When Public Health contacts you they will arrange an appropriate time and date for your second dose appointment

York Region Public Health Planning to Transition all Mass Immunization Clinics to Provincial Booking System

York Region Public Health announced they are in the process of planning a transition for mass immunization clinics to the Provincial Booking System in the coming weeks. Until such transition occurs, eligible individuals will continue to book at york.ca/covid19vaccine.

More than 70 per cent of York Region adults have one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

As of May 26, more than 70 per cent of York Region's adult population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

York Region is one of the first regions in the province to reach the 70 per cent mark but Public Health suggests any notion of herd immunity must be interpreted with caution, given the presence of variants of concern. It's important that all individuals, even those who have been vaccinated, continue to follow public health advice; stay home as much as possible, practice physical distancing, wear a mask when required and wash your hands frequently.

Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"

At the Regional Council meeting held on May 27, 2021, Council adopted a motion, as shown on Appendix B, requesting that the province consider entering Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen" as of 12:01 am May 31, 2021.

Build Back Better - Optimal Program & Service Delivery

Efforts continue to engage with both Members of Council and Staff through interviews and small group discussions to validate the strategic priorities that were identified during a series of workshops with the Extended Management Team. The objective is to leverage emerging best practices, ongoing modernization efforts, and new legislative and technological opportunities to best support efficiency, effectiveness, and municipal service excellence. The Extended Management Team will reconvene on June 28, 2021, to review an evaluation framework for the Build Back Better model.

Opening of the East Gwillimbury's Farmers' Market taking place on Thursday June 3, 2021, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Town staff, and committee members have worked with York Region Public Health and the COVID-19 Control Group to ensure a safe reopening that meets all provincial and regional health guidelines. The official welcome from Mayor, land acknowledgement and ribbon cutting will take place at 3 p.m.

Appendix A

COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen – Key Highlights

Vaccination rate <i>plus key health indicators*</i>	1 60% Adults with one dose	2 70% Adults with one dose 20% Fully vaccinated	3 70-80% Adults with one dose 25% Fully vaccinated
Permitted with restrictions	<p data-bbox="357 577 743 651">✓ Outdoors first with limited, well-managed crowding and permitting restricted retail</p> <ul data-bbox="357 651 743 1039" style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 10 people • Outdoor dining for up to 4 people per table • Essential retail capacity at 25% • Non-essential retail at 15% • Outdoor religious services, rites and ceremonies with capacity limited to permit 2 metres physical distancing • Outdoor sports, training, and personal training for up to 10 people • Day camps • Campsites and campgrounds • Ontario Parks • Outdoor horse racing and motor speedways • Outdoor pools, splash pads and wading pools <p data-bbox="357 1039 743 1094">•21 days before next step →</p>	<p data-bbox="743 577 1130 651">✓ Open indoors with small numbers and face coverings and expand outdoors</p> <ul data-bbox="743 651 1130 1039" style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger outdoor gatherings for up to 25 people • Small indoor gatherings for up to 5 people • Outdoor dining for up to 6 people per table • Essential retail at 50% capacity • Non-essential retail capacity at 25% • Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times • Outdoor meeting and event spaces • Outdoor amusement and water parks • Outdoor boat tour operators • Outdoor county fairs and rural exhibitions • Outdoor sports leagues and events • Outdoor cinemas, performing arts, live music events and attractions <p data-bbox="743 1039 1130 1094">•21 days before next step →</p>	<p data-bbox="1130 577 1536 651">✓ Expand indoors where face coverings can't always be worn</p> <ul data-bbox="1130 651 1536 1039" style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger indoor and outdoor gatherings • Indoor dining • Essential and non-essential retail open with limited capacity • Larger indoor religious services, rites, and ceremony gatherings • Indoor meeting and event spaces • Indoor sports and recreational facilities • Indoor seated events • Indoor attractions and cultural amenities • Casino and bingo halls • Other outdoor activities from Step 2 permitted to operate indoors

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Subject: FW: Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"

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Sent: May 27, 2021 4:30 PM

Subject: Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"

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On May 27, 2021 Regional Council adopted the following:

WHEREAS over 70% of the adult population in York Region has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS over 65% of the adult population in Ontario has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates have all declined and continue to trend downward; and,

WHEREAS Step One of the Provincial roadmap states "may begin after 60 per cent of Ontario's adults receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and if, and only if, public health indicators, such as hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates indicate the province can safely move to this step of the roadmap."; and,

WHEREAS according to an independent modelling company, a fourth wave for York Region is not on the cards if we re-open after June 2, 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Province "Stay at Home" order originally was to expire June 2, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT York Regional Council request the province consider entering Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen" as of 12:01 am May 31, 2021; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Dr Dave Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario, and all Heads of Council.

Regards,

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