



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: June 15, 2021

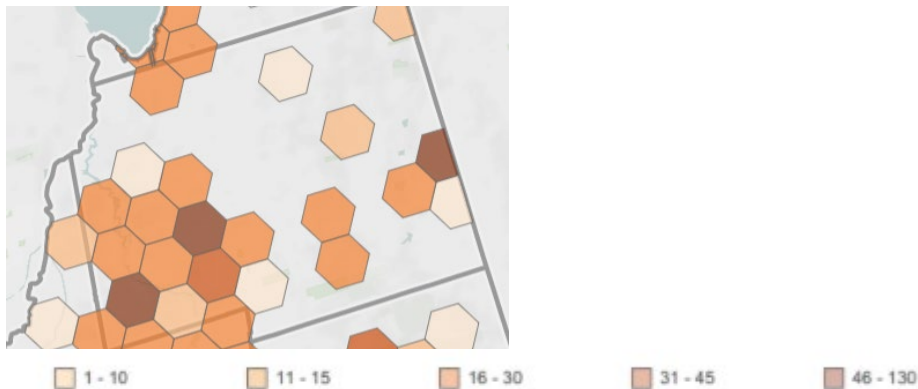
Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-11

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 28, 2021	June 11, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	1,116	1130
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	1,098	1123
Total Active Cases	12	1
Total Confirmed Deaths	6	6
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	19	2
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	0	1 (workplace)
Total Closed Outbreaks	41	42
Total Variant Cases Identified	383	418

Province will further accelerate second doses across Ontario once additional shipments confirmed

As of June 10, 2021, the province's public health units, mass vaccination clinics, hospital sites, pharmacies, and physicians have administered more than 10.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Ontarians. Over 73 per cent of adult Ontarians are benefitting from the protection of a first dose of vaccine, and more than 11 per cent are fully immunized.

The [province is further expanding eligibility](#) to help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants and protect communities with the highest rates of Delta (B.1.617) variant transmission. Beginning 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 individuals who live in Delta hot spots in Halton, Peel, Porcupine, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph and York public health units and also received their first dose of an mRNA vaccine on or before May 9, 2021 will be eligible to book their accelerated second dose appointment through the [provincial booking system](#) (for Peel and Toronto public health units), directly through public health units that use their own booking system and through participating pharmacies. Primary care providers will be reaching out to book appointments.

Mobile vaccine units supported by province operated pop-ups and employer-led clinics that provided first doses in Peel, Toronto and York public health regions will also begin operating second dose clinics beginning the week of June 20, 2021. Increasing first and second dose coverage in Delta hot spots will help to minimize the risk of the variant's spread in Ontario, protecting all neighbourhoods provincewide.

The province will further expand eligibility for accelerated second doses across Ontario as additional vaccine allocations and shipment timelines are confirmed by the federal government, including the recently announced Moderna vaccines.

Roadmap to Reopen – Province to Enter Step 1 June 11, 2021

Based on the provincewide vaccination rate and continuing improvements in key public health and health system indicators, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, announced the province would move into Step 1 of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#) as of June 11, 2021.

To safely enter Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopen, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 60 per cent of adults with at least one dose for two weeks or longer, ensuring the first dose offers a strong level of protection against COVID-19. As of June 6, 72 per cent of the 18+ population in Ontario had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with over 10 million doses having been administered.

Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopen includes but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 10 people;
- Outdoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, capped at the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted at up to 15 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- Non-essential retail permitted at 15 per cent capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold;
- Essential and other select retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity, with no restrictions on the goods that can be sold;
- Outdoor dining with up to four people per table, with exceptions for larger households;
- Outdoor fitness classes, outdoor groups in personal training and outdoor individual/team sport training to be permitted with up to 10 people, among other restrictions;
- Day camps for children permitted to operate in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines for COVID-19 produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- Overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks, and short-term rentals;
- Concert venues, theatres and cinemas may open outdoors for the purpose of rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted concert, artistic event, theatrical performance or other performance with no more than 10 performers, among other restrictions;
- Outdoor horse racing tracks and motor speedways permitted to operate without spectators; and
- Outdoor attractions such as zoos, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens with capacity and other restrictions.

The province will remain in Step 1 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 province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses and there are continued improvements in other key public health and health system indicators, the province will move to Step 2 of the Roadmap.

Municipal impacts – CPRC and EGPL

Farmers Market

The Town has successfully opened the Farmers Market for 2021 with COVID 19 safety measures compliant with provincial regulations and public health guidelines. All participants at the market are reminded of the guidelines when entering the market including recommendations to wear masks and physically distance. The market has a record number of registered vendors for 2021 and had a record number of participants for its first week of operation.

Gypsy Moth (Lymantria Dispar Dispar) Burlap Wrap Giveaway

The Town provided free burlap wrap to prevent Gypsy Moths at the Farmers Market June 10th 2021. An information and instruction sheet from Town Parks staff was also made available. The burlap giveaway will continue to be offered to residents through the Holland Landing Community Centre Library branch starting Tuesday, June 15th, 2021. For more information on the Gypsy Moth please visit the Town website.

Outdoor Graduation Ceremonies

The Province of Ontario has permitted Schools and School Boards to host in person graduation ceremonies for students. It is the decision of each board to host in person graduation ceremonies with specific provincial restrictions and guidelines. The Town has offered each of the school boards and schools in East Gwillimbury an option to use Town property, parks and equipment to host in person graduation ceremonies at no cost. At this time given provincial restrictions on private functions the Town will not be providing private permits for private group gatherings at Town facilities and parks including private graduation functions.

Summer Camp Registration Opens for EG Residents on June 16

Summer Camp registration will begin on Wednesday, June 16 for East Gwillimbury residents only. Residents will be able to register using two methods:

- In-person at the EG Sports Complex. The team has worked to ensure all public health regulations and physical distancing protocols will be followed for a safe registration process
- By phone at 905-478-4282. The Recreation team in partnership with Customer Service are prepared for an increased call volume to process registrations via the phone on the 16th.

Due to public health regulations, Skate and Hockey camps will not be available for registration.

A return to camp video has been developed to share on the Town's communications channels and directly with registrants to ensure a safe and fun return to camps.

Outdoor Sport Fields for Team Training

Recreation staff will be working with sport organizations such as East Gwillimbury Soccer Club, York Lions Football and our baseball users to provide opportunity for training/skill development only during Step 1. Teams can train in groups of 10 and social distance is 3 m distance between players on our outdoor sport fields. Teams will be responsible to adhere to Provincial and Regional reopening plans. No game play is allowed during Step 1.

Tennis Courts

Tennis Courts can be permitted for the sport clubs/groups for lessons and instruction only. At this time games are unable to be played therefore house league programs will not commence until Step 2. There has been an increase in requests from residents to rent courts to guarantee time on EG courts. Courts will be permitted out as per the permitting policy and all permit holders will be required to sign that they will adhere to provincial and regional regulations. Permits will be issued starting June 14.

External Events/Picnic Shelters

Step 1 does not allow for outdoor events except for weddings, funerals, religious services etc. and most recently graduations. These events are required to follow strict health protocols to ensure a safe event. At this time Recreation will not be booking out the picnic shelters or park space for external events (such as barbeque events, an outdoor market, community street parties, etc) until the Ontario Regulations in Step 2 can be fully reviewed. Users will be required to follow all provincial and regional health requirements.

Summer Town Run Events

To align with the Road Map to Reopen, Music at Civic Square and Movies in the Park are being planned for the end of August and beginning of September. Town staff will continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and the COVID-19 Control Group to plan these two summer events.

East Gwillimbury Public Library

Under Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopen, libraries will remain open for curbside pickup. Customers may enter the library for up to one hour to use the computers and for services such as faxing and photocopying. Access eBooks, music, movies, and more through eResources 24-7 online with a library card.

The East Gwillimbury Public Library will also offer a place to cool off as temperatures continue to rise. Cooling centres will adhere to provincial and Public Health guidelines and follow all practices that are in place at the library. Masks are required and occupancy at both branches will not exceed a total of 2 people per library space. Complimentary masks are provided if needed. Residents who need access to a cooling centre may request this at the Library's front doors and visit for up to one hour at a time.

Business Recovery

As part of our ongoing Business Recovery efforts, staff are exploring participation in 'The Longest Dinner Table', a province-wide event aimed at supporting the restaurant industry. The proposed event would be planned to align with Ontario's successful transition into Step 3 of the Roadmap to Recovery. Created by the founder of [Street Eats Market](#), the event will work alongside local restaurants and food businesses to offer unique prix fixe menus as part of an outdoor dining experience in accordance with all relevant COVID-19 safety protocols.

The proposed event would be a joint initiative with the East Gwillimbury Chamber of Commerce.

Second Dose Appointments

As of June 7, 2021, eligible individuals who live, work or attend school in York Region that received their first dose on or before April 18, 2021, and who already have a second-dose appointment booked now have the option to re-book an earlier appointment. New appointments can be booked online or by phone by visiting york.ca/COVID19Vaccine Eligible residents who received their first dose on or before April 18, 2021 who do not yet have a second dose appointment can also book an [online appointment](#). Previously booked second-dose appointments will be honoured and will not be cancelled unless a new and earlier appointment is confirmed. Additional appointments will be released throughout the week so residents are encourage to check back often at york.ca/covid19vaccine.

Public Health continues to monitor updates on vaccine appointments and will look to further expand second dose eligibility based on local need and vaccine supply.

York Region Interactive Dashboard Improvements

York Region's [COVID-19 in York Region interactive dashboard](#) provides in-depth information and insights into how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting York Region. The dashboard will be updated at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday only and has been a constant source of transparent information since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

The dashboard and supporting data will not be updated on Saturdays, Sundays or on statutory holidays. The dashboard will be updated each Monday at 5 p.m. with a new daily case count for that day and will showcase the cumulative totals from the previous two days. As always, residents will maintain the ability to interact with the data to take a deeper look at data points specific to a single date. The last weekend dates the dashboard will be updated are Saturday, June 12, 2021 and Sunday, June 13, 2021.

York Region Public Health continues to make enhancements and modifications to the dashboard in response to the change landscape of the pandemic. Residents are encouraged to check the dashboard for the most recent up to date data regarding COVID-19 in East Gwillimbury, and the Region.