



# Town of East Gwillimbury

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: October 19, 2021

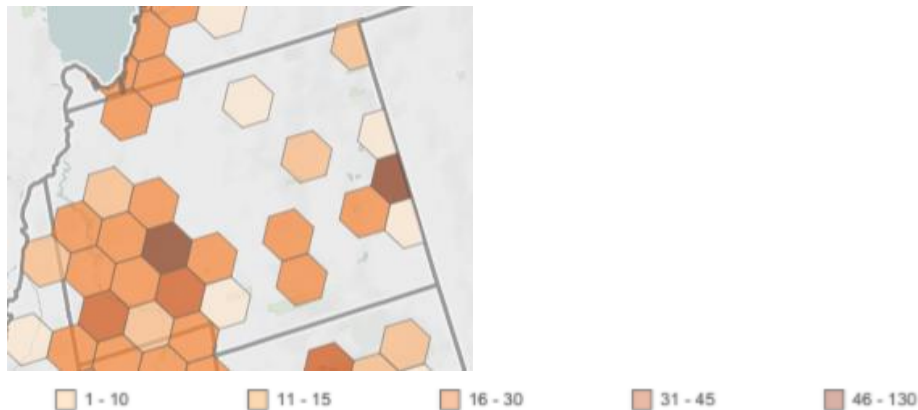
Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-16

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](http://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](http://www.york.ca/covid19data). The below image showcases cases in EG throughout COVID-19.



East Gwillimbury Metrics	September 30, 2021	October 14, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	1191	1205
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	1181	1198
Total Active Cases	4	1
Total Confirmed Deaths	6	6
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	6	5
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	0	0
Total Closed Outbreaks	42	42
Total Variant Cases Identified	460	475

## Provincial Updates

Effective October 9, 2021 capacity limits in select indoor and outdoor settings where proof of vaccination is required has been lifted to allow 100 per cent capacity. These settings include:

- Concert venues, theatres and cinemas;
- Spectator areas of facilities for sports and recreational fitness (would not include gyms, personal training);
- Meeting and event spaces (indoor meeting and event spaces will still need to limit capacity to the number that can maintain physical distancing);
- Horseracing tracks, car racing tracks, and other similar venues; and
- Commercial film and television productions with studio audiences.

## Vaccine Certificate and Verify Ontario App

An enhanced digital vaccine certificate with an official QR code is now available for Ontarians to download from the [provincial website](#). The Verify Ontario app is also available, which allows businesses to quickly verify if visitors meet vaccine requirements. This app is also compatible with some other provincial vaccine certificates. Paper certificates are still valid and can be used to show proof of full vaccination.

Ontarians with a birthday in the first four months of the year were able to obtain their QR code as of 12 a.m. on Friday October 15.

The next phases of the initial rollout include:

- May to August: Oct. 16
- September to December: Oct. 17

At 6 a.m. on Oct. 18 enhanced certificates will be available for all vaccinated Ontarians to download. Individuals that are fully vaccinated can visit [ontario.ca/getproof](#) to obtain more information regarding the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code.

For those Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated and/or 14 days have not passed since they were fully vaccinated, the QR code will not show a green check mark. They will need to [get fully vaccinated](#) and then wait 14 days for the QR code to work.

## **Municipal Impact**

### **Proof of Vaccination at Community Centres and Youth Sport**

The province continues to monitor the impact of opening schools, the recent Thanksgiving holiday and the growing number of people returning to workplaces, many COVID-19 workplace safety measures will remain in place. This means certain settings may still require additional measures above and beyond Proof of Vaccination (i.e., masks while indoors, active screening, collection of contact information, etc.).

### **Spectators at Indoor Sporting Events**

The province recently announced increased capacity for spectators at sporting events. With this news, Community Parks, Recreation and Culture, will be allowing full capacity in the spectator viewing areas at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex. Capacity limits for other areas of the facility will remain in place. All spectators 12+ must show proof of double vaccination and actively screen prior to entering the facility. Facility screeners are continually providing education on the entry process as it relates to the COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

### **Indoor Events and Meeting Room Space in Town Facility**

Capacity limits for indoor events have increased from 50% to a number that can maintain physical distancing of 2 metres. Community Parks, Recreation and Culture has worked with the COVID-19 Control Group to determine occupancy limits for future rentals. All guests at indoor events or in meeting space(s) must provide proof of double vaccination and actively screen prior to entering the meeting room/hall space.

### **Civic Centre Reopening**

On October 4, in conjunction with the termination of the State of Emergency, public access to the Customer Service area has resumed for some services. Appointment-based services are encouraged to continue for services requiring additional resources and staff time.

The COVID-19 Control Group continues to monitor the federal and provincial updates and Public Health guidelines with respect to expansion of in-person gatherings to ensure that all the required safety protocols are in place as access to facilities is increased. These include maintaining physical distancing of 2 metres from others, regular hand hygiene/sanitizing, completing the COVID-19 screening form, disinfecting common surfaces, wearing a face mask or face covering when indoors, and wearing PPE consisting of a medical mask and protective eyewear when working within 2 metres of others who are either unmasked or improperly masked.

## Community Events

### Halloween Hike

On October 29, join Community Parks, Recreation and Culture (CPRC) and sponsor Lander Realty at EG's Halloween Hike. This pre-registered event will be held on the Sharon Temple grounds from 6 to 8 p.m. CPRC worked with the COVID-19 Control Group and Public Health to ensure all Provincial and Regional health requirements are met to provide a safe return to this popular community event. Registration for the event opened on Friday, October 15 at [www.easgwillimbury.ca/events](http://www.easgwillimbury.ca/events)

### Remembrance Day

East Gwillimbury's Annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 11 at the Civic Centre. Observing current provincial COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings, this will be a live-streamed event only and will not be advertised as a publicly attended event. Should the restrictions of 100 for outdoor gatherings be lifted prior to November 11, staff will ensure appropriate advertising to include public attendance.

## Provincial Vaccine Stats

Ontarians vaccinated

<b>Total Ontario population</b> Since December 15, 2020	<b>Number of people</b> of all ages	<b>Percentage</b> Of 12+	<b>Percentage</b> of all ages
<b>At least 1 dose</b>	588,292	5%	4%
<b>2 doses</b>	10,794,769	83%	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,383,061</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>77%</b>