



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: May 18, 2021

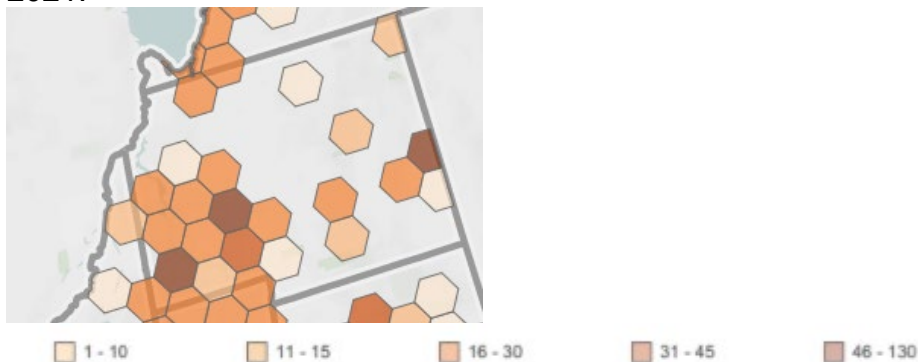
Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-9

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 and data is from May 13, 2021:



East Gwillimbury Metrics	April 30, 2021	May 13, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	965	1,061
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	909	1,028
Total Active Cases	52	28
Total Confirmed Deaths	4	5
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	62	32
Total Current Outbreaks (Institutional and workplace)	2 (workplaces)	1 (workplace)
Total Closed Outbreaks	37	38
Total Variant Cases Identified	264	337

Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order until June 2 and outlining plans to make Pfizer vaccine available to youth aged 12 to 17

May 13, 2021 – with the new, more contagious variants continuing to pose significant risks, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended the Stay-at-Home Order ([O. Reg. 265/21](#)) until at least June 2, 2021. The impacts of these measures will continue to be evaluated over the coming weeks, with consideration being made to reopening of outdoor recreational amenities on June 2, subject to current trends continuing. All public health and workplace safety measures under the [provincewide emergency brake](#) will also remain in effect.

During this time, the government will prepare to administer the Pfizer vaccine to youth between the ages of 12 and 17, beginning the week May 31, 2021, as the province also finalizes plans to gradually and safely re-open the province.

L9N Postal Code in East Gwillimbury identified as high priority area

On May 4, 2021, York Region Public Health expanded their high priority community vaccination areas to include L9N in East Gwillimbury. This means that any individuals aged 18+ who live or work in this area are now eligible to book at any York Region Vaccination Clinic.

The COVID-19 Control Group continues to work with York Region Public Health to follow this trend and will provide updates as available.

Town staff are actively working with York Region and York Region Public Health officials to identify a potential future vaccination site for the Town of East Gwillimbury

At this time, York Region Public Health continues to prioritize vaccination administration through their established sites. Existing sites have been chosen based on accessibility criteria, population distribution and neighborhoods of vulnerability and have been established to be within reasonable driving distance for all residents in York Region. As more vaccines become available, these clinics will be scaled up to accommodate vaccinating a greater number of residents. However, staff continue to actively work with York Region and York Region Public Health officials to identify a potential future vaccination site for East Gwillimbury as vaccines become more available.

Vaccine Appointment Booking and Transportation Assistance

The Town continues to provide support resources to residents through the Town's website, library, and municipal partners. Details are available at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/vaccinesupport. This site also includes the step-by-step guide of how to book vaccination appointments and provides information related to available resources to assist residents with getting to/from their vaccination appointment, such as Routes Connecting Communities. The Town partnered with Routes for a pilot program

to support residents to assist with getting to and from vaccination appointments. Residents can book a complimentary shuttle service for vaccine appointments by contacting Routes directly at 905-722-4616 or info@routesccl.org.

York Region plans expansion of covid-19 vaccine eligibility – based on vaccine supply, all York Region residents 18 years of age and older who wish to receive a vaccine will be eligible by the week of May 24, 2021

As the vaccine supply increases, York Region continues to aggressively distribute vaccines to residents as quickly as possible by advancing vaccine eligibility as identified in Phase 2 of the [Province's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#).

Over the next three weeks and based on vaccine supply, York Region anticipates expanding eligibility and opening new vaccination appointments with the intent that all York Region residents who wish to receive a vaccine will be eligible to book an appointment by the week of May 24, 2021.

Residents are reminded not to book an appointment or attend a clinic before they meet the current eligibility. Only those eligible on the day of their appointment will be accepted.

Current Eligibility

Based on known available vaccine supply at this time, York Region is planning to move ahead with the following:

Week of May 10

- All previous eligible groups - Visit www.york.ca/COVID19Vaccine for full details
- Moderate health care workers
- York Region residents 40 years of age and older (born in 1981 or earlier)
- Individuals with at-risk health condition
- Individuals who cannot work from home within [Group 2](#)

Week of May 17

- All previous eligible groups
- York Region residents 30 years of age and older (born 1991 or earlier)

Week of May 24

- All previous eligible groups
- York Region residents 18 years of age and older (born in 2003 or earlier)

Quick Links:

- To learn more about information on eligibility and when vaccine appointments are available, visit <https://bit.ly/2Q0ZO7O>
- To learn more COVID-19 Vaccinations in York Region and to book an appointment, visit www.york.ca/COVID19Vaccine.

Build Back Better

In preparing for post-COVID-19 operations, staff have initiated a strategic planning process to prepare for the new challenges and opportunities of a post-pandemic work environment. What began as an examination of the post-COVID-19 workplace has expanded to incorporate all aspects of program and service delivery. The Extended Management Team has been actively involved in strategic planning and visioning exercises that will lay the foundation for an 'Optimal Service Delivery Strategy'. The strategy will consider diverse inputs including regional analyses and emerging best practices as well as direct feedback from Members of Council, staff, and residents. The objective of the strategy will be to leverage emerging technological advances and expanded opportunities for virtual interaction in a way that best serves the Town's ability to meet its strategic objectives and deliver customer service excellence. Plans are underway to directly engage with Members of Council to seek input on the emerging strategic themes and priorities as part of the planning process. A more detailed update will be provided in the coming weeks.

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York Region municipalities have entered into a joint agreement with The Conference Board of Canada to develop a playbook outlining methods and best practices in hybrid, remote and in-person workplace policies.

The Conference Board of Canada is a Canadian not-for-profit think tank dedicated to researching and analyzing economic trends, as well as organizational performance and public policy issues.

This work will be one of the inputs with respect to the Build Back Better strategic work that the Town of East Gwillimbury has been undergoing, as outlined above. It is anticipated that the playbook will be available in Q4.

The Canada Day Celebration will take part at the East Gwillimbury Farmers' Market on Thursday July 1 from 2 to 7 p.m.

The Town is planning a 'walk through' Canada Day event which will consist of market vendors who will incorporate a Canadian theme including various stationed canopies with take home crafts, activities and in-person games and giveaways. At this time, the Town is also planning to have live entertainment if provincial regulations indicate it is safe to do so.

Staff will be working alongside York Region Public Health and the COVID-19 Control Group to ensure a safe event that meets provincial and regional regulations. For those who are not able to attend, a variety of Canada Day resources will be made available on the Town's website and social media.

Summer 2021 Summer Camp Update

The Town continues to follow all Provincial updates related to public health guidance. A decision to host Summer Camps for the 2021 season will be based on where we are with respect to the reopening framework. Under the current Stay-at-Home Order day camps are restricted from opening. Once we do proceed back into the colour-coded framework, there are provisions that could allow day camps to open. For example, red does permit certain facilities to open to offer day camps at limited capacity and increased health precautions. The capacity would increase as you move through the coloured framework. The Town will continue to monitor these announcements.

Town staff have released the summer camp guide, but registration remains on hold until further clarity is provided from the province and York Region Public Health. Should it appear the Town will be able to move forward, staff are prepared to quickly respond and open up registration.