



# Town of East Gwillimbury

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council

Date: February 2, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Update 2021-2

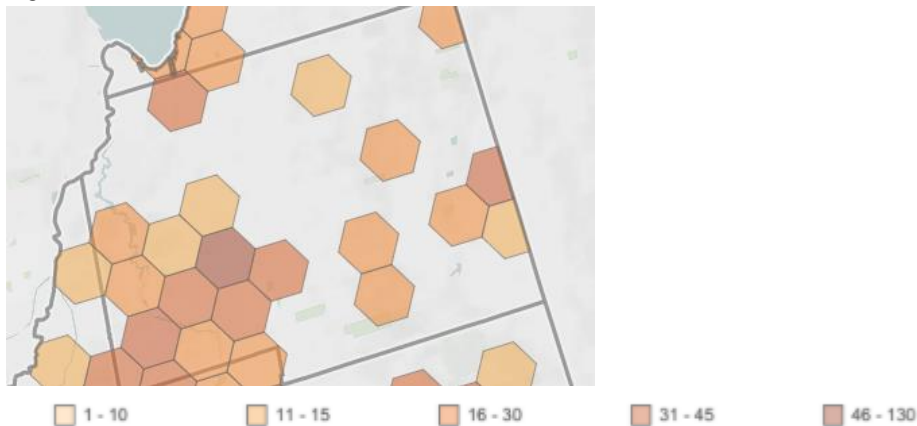
Origin: COVID-19 Control Group

### COVID-19 Control Group Updates

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 is data as of January 28, 2021:



East Gwillimbury Metrics	Jan 14, 2021	Jan 28, 2021
Total Confirmed Cases	431	492
Total Resolved/Recovered Cases	392	454
Total Active Cases	38	37
Total Confirmed Deaths	1	1
Total Cases Reported in last 7 days	37	37
Total Current Outbreaks	3	7

## **COVID-19 Education & Enforcement**

The Town continues to be proactive to ensure compliance with provincial regulations. Between January 11 and January 24, 2021, Town staff conducted 61 inspections and received six complaints. Town staff continue to work collaboratively with both Public Health and the Ministry of Labour in conducting joint inspections to ensure businesses remain compliant.

## **Vaccination Update**

On January 19, 2021, the federal government notified the Province of further reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments. It was reported that Ontario will not receive a delivery of vaccines the week of January 25, 2021, however, will receive just over 26,000 doses the first weeks of February.

The Province is accelerating the vaccination of residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes by a new target date of February 5, 2021. To protect access to second doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for those who have already received their first dose, Ontario will maintain the maximum interval of 21-27 days for long-term care, retirement and First Nations elder care home resident groups and up to 42 days between the two doses for all other groups. These adjustments are being made following notification by the federal government of reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments.

## **Current Vaccination Site Structure in York Region**

Five static sites have been secured throughout York Region located in Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham. These sites were chosen based on accessibility criteria, population distribution and neighbourhoods of vulnerability. The sites can accommodate 10–24 immunization tables and as more vaccines become available clinic hours can be adjusted.

Based on the need to immunize York Region residents in a timely, efficient, and safe manner, York Region Public Health will implement a flexible hybrid model for vaccine distribution and administration.

Staff will continue to monitor and provide status updates with respect to the provincial and regional vaccination distribution plans.

## **Outbreaks in East Gwillimbury**

As of January 28, 2021, a total of seven outbreaks were reported including five at institutional facilities and two at workplaces. The total closed COVID-19 outbreaks are now 15 with 13 at institutional settings such as Long-Term Care facilities, and two at workplaces. Note: An outbreak is declared with one case present.

**Outdoor Skating Updates**

Both the Ridge View and Mount Albert Community Centre outdoor ice surfaces are open and operating. Residents must pre-register for a 45-minute time slot between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Skating is free and residents can register up to five family members. Registration opens every Monday for the following Tuesday to Sunday. There is a rink capacity of 25 people per time slot. Town staff are onsite throughout the day and after hours to monitor the ice. A full list of safety regulations and COVID-19 related protocols is available on the Town’s website [www.eastgwillimbury.ca](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca).

**Business Recovery**

**Business Incubator – Accelerator Project**

Staff are working in partnership with the Town of Georgina on a joint application under the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program to establish a Business Incubator-Accelerator program that would serve both municipalities. The pilot project would be housed at The Link community hub and would offer programming to new and emerging entrepreneurs. York University’s YSpace and Southlake Community Futures are also partners in this project.

The significant and detrimental economic impacts of the pandemic will continue to be felt long after the health concerns of the pandemic are resolved. This Business Incubation-Accelerator program will be an important resource in assisting existing small businesses and microenterprises as they explore new market opportunities and navigate the changing business landscape. It will further support the development of new entrepreneurs and provide options for those who have been displaced by layoffs, business closures, and the rapidly changing nature of work. By supporting the growth and development of new businesses, the program will be an important asset in East Gwillimbury’s job creation efforts.

Staff are proposing a contribution of \$37,500 toward project costs using the Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding made available through the Safe Start Agreement. As a partner in the RED Program application, this contribution would enable the municipality to leverage a further \$262,500 in project funding as per the following proposed budget:

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Financial Contribution</b>
RED Grant Funding / OMAFRA	\$150K
Town of Georgina	\$37.5K
Town of East Gwillimbury	\$37.5K
York University (YSpace)	\$25K
Southlake Community Futures* <i>*subject to Board approval</i>	\$50K
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300K</b>

Provided below is a breakdown of eligible costs under the subject project funding for the two-and-a-half-year pilot project:

<b>Key Project Components</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Entrepreneurship Coordinator (at an estimated \$70K per year)	\$175K
Paid Programming	\$40K
Marketing and Branding	\$30K
Technology	\$50K
Outfitting Incubator Space	\$5K
Total	\$300K