

## VACCINATION ROLLOUT PLAN

Niagara Region received the first shipment of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines – the news we've all been waiting for.

The Niagara vaccination rollout plan continues, however, news of the supply shortage of the Pfizer vaccine is extremely disappointing and will result in a change to the vaccination rollout. Vaccines were to be prioritized and be administered to residents, staff and essential caregivers in long term care homes and high-risk retirement homes in the Niagara Region as well as Niagara Health hospital workers.

Unfortunately, this has now changed. Niagara Health advised on January 20, 2020...

*"The provincial government has provided direction today to all hospitals and public health units in Ontario to pause administration of all first doses of vaccine, except for residents of long-term care homes and high-risk retirement homes. This interim direction is in response to this week's news of reductions in supply of the Pfizer vaccine. The provincial government is directing that scheduled second dose vaccinations proceed at this time.*

*The change in scheduling of first doses will take place effective end of day today. This means appointments scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week will be postponed and rebooked on a priority basis. We'll provide updates on the status of the schedule for appointments booked for Saturday and beyond once we have additional details from the province.*

*We will share updates as we receive information".*

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Visit the Niagara Region vaccination statistics page for the progress on vaccination administration [COVID-19 Vaccinations Administered by Niagara Region Public Health - Niagara Region, Ontario](#).

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are looking forward to the day when our lives can return to normal - where we can once again enjoy time with our family and friends. There is still a long road ahead of us before mass vaccinations occur. Please continue to do your part and remain vigilant and take precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Do not gather with those outside of your home
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Wear a mask and be sure to wash your hands frequently
- Staying home if displaying symptoms or having been in close contact with cases of COVID-19

The provincial government Stay-at-Home order remains in effect which requires everyone to remain at home and only go out for essential trips, such as:

- for essential work

- going to the pharmacy
- accessing health care services
- for exercise
- going to the grocery store

I would like to acknowledge all the front-line health care workers and essential workers for protecting the health and safety of our community. Thank you for the incredible and selfless work you do each day to keep us safe and healthy especially during this time.

Although some city facilities remain closed to the public, City staff remain dedicated to providing dedicated service to Welland residents. For information on City of Welland services and COVID-19, visit [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca). For further information on COVID-19 visit [www.niagararegion.ca/covid19](http://www.niagararegion.ca/covid19) and <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

**Please stay safe, stay home and save lives.**