

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK CAMPION

The spring weather has arrived and as the Easter long weekend approaches, it is hard for all of us to follow the rules and orders as set out by the Provincial Government in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. I appreciate and thank you for making these sacrifices in order to protect family, friends and our entire community. I truly care about our community and I want everyone to be safe.

The City of Welland continues to work diligently to ensure we are doing everything we can to deal with the ever-changing science and directives from upper levels of government and health agencies. We are committed to ensuring the safety of our staff and residents.

Vaccine Update

As of March 31st, Niagara has had approximately 13.3% of the population vaccinated for COVID-19. Increased vaccine doses are expected in the coming weeks.

Phase two of the vaccine rollout is expected to begin April 2021 through July 2021. Adults between the ages of 60-79 will be included in phase two.

As supplies of AstraZeneca vaccines become available we hope to see primary care and pharmacies in Niagara able to start offering vaccinations. Public Health and Niagara Health continue to collaborate to ensure all vaccines received are used within a few days.

I ask for everyone to continue to be patient, as wait times are likely to continue for the provincial registration portal. Vaccination appointments for qualifying individuals can be booked online or by phone.

- [Book a vaccination appointment online through the provincial booking system](#)
- Call 1-888-999-6488

To book an appointment, you will need your:

- Green Ontario health card. For red and white health cards, call 1-888-999-6488.
- Birth date
- Postal code
- Email address and/or phone number

The most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccinations can be found at [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

Each one of us has a role to play and together, as a team, with everyone doing their part we are winning the battle against COVID-19. Please continue to stay the course to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Staying home as much as possible – only go shopping for necessities

- Avoid non-essential travel
- Practice physical distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Wash your hands frequently
- Staying home if displaying symptoms or having been in close contact with cases of COVID-19.

I wish all those dealing with COVID-19 hope and good health.

Please stay safe, stay home and save lives.