

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK CAMPION

I would like to provide you with an update on some COVID-19 issues.

As of April 29th, there was a total of 2989 active cases in Niagara, of those we currently have 541 active cases in Welland. This is a significant number and we have reached out to the Province to designate Welland and Niagara as a hot spot. We all need to do everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As of April 29th, 175,291 doses of the vaccine have been administered to Niagara residents - which is equivalent of 34% of residents having received their first dose and 2.6 being fully vaccinated.

For updated daily COVID-19 cases and vaccinations administered, please visit [COVID-19 Statistics in Niagara - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

Vaccines are currently available to:

- Adults 60 and older in 2021 through the Provincial booking system or call 1-833-943-3900.
- Adults 40 and older in 2021 through participating pharmacies.
- Adults 45 and older in 2021 with a postal code starting with L2G through the Provincial booking system or call 1-833-943-3900.
- Indigenous adults 18 and older and their household members through vaccination sign-up form.
- Highest-risk population, including pregnant individuals, and their essential care partners – visit Niagara Health to get booking instructions for highest-risk populations.
- Child care and education workers – if you're an eligible child care or education worker, you will get booking instructions from your employer.
- Staff/essential caregivers of long-term care and high-risk retirement homes - contact your employer or the home you're an approved essential caregiver at for information.
- Highest, very high and high priority health care workers – Niagara Health will provide booking information to eligible individuals. Only health care workers in certain setting who live or work in Niagara are eligible.

Ultimately, everyone who would like to be vaccinated will have an opportunity – no one is going to be left behind. Until then, we must continue to follow the rules and orders as set out by the Provincial Government in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Stay-At-Home Order requires everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as:

- trips outside the home for necessities such as food, medication, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated)
- supporting vulnerable community members
- exercising outdoors with members of their household or walking pets
- for work that cannot be done remotely

Always:

- stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild
- stay two metres apart from people you do not live with
- wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces or any time physical distancing is not possible
- gather only with immediate family members you live with. If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household
- only travel outside your region or the province when absolutely necessary

I appreciate and thank you for making these sacrifices to protect family, friends, and our entire community.

Please stay home, stay safe and save lives.