

London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance  
COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall  
January 26, 2021  
**Event Summary**

Please find the recording and the slide presentations located HERE on the LMPCA website:  
<https://lmprimarycare.ca/covid-19-vaccination-faq/>

**Key Summary:**

- Primary care is ready to support vaccine efforts - event participants felt that they were comfortable approaching the COVID vaccine as they do Influenza; no hesitation about their role or whether they will step up.
- Vaccine availability and supply is constantly evolving as with other regions. London-Middlesex is pooling vaccine with South Western Public Health and Huron Perth Public Health.
- The Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) has shared COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and looking for provider feedback by February 4, 2021.
- Transparency from MLHU through regular provider webinars and primary care is involved with the local prioritization planning group. This would be an avenue for primary care colleagues to share concerns, advocate, and know it will be taken up to decision makers.

**Breakout Group Summary:**

1. Current Vaccination Process:

- Concerns of how primary care will be notified of vaccines received. Clear communication regarding COVAX is necessary (i.e. if the vaccine is given by different health providers).
- Pace of vacation at Agriplex versus a primary care provider's office.
- COVID Vaccine information:
  - Long term affects - acknowledge that this is unknown with certainty but a continual dialogue about what is known and who is looking at it
  - Updated Side effect profiles and data
  - Adverse Event form for the COVID Vaccination – for information to be easily accessible.

2. Considerations for Role of Primary Care in Phase 2/3 of COVID vaccination planning:

- Concerns raised about the specific efforts that need to be made to reach marginalized communities, "harder to reach pockets". Recent MLHU Vaccination Plan identifies a strategy to reach priority populations using key partner organizations.
- COVAX - lead time to implement with a video that can be watched and a written set of instructions for both physicians and staff (integration of shots given to EMRs is desired - so advocacy for HRM push)
- Clear consent processes for primary care (written/verbal?)
- Vaccination site considerations:
  - Drive-through vaccination; Possible locations:
    - Grand Bend CHC
    - Mount Brydges Centre
- Support with logistics:
  - How to send a mass email, booking online, consent online, post vaccination information education, reminder system for second shots, roster lists in EMR for priority populations (support Health unit with their priority population communications).
  - Details on how vaccine will arrive at primary care offices. Will it be in pre-loaded syringes? Will we have to reconstitute? Will we be required to get freezers for storage if vaccine supply is Moderna? Will Pfizer be used and sent to providers reconstituted in non frozen state (therefore providers will only have 4-5 days to deliver vaccine).

**Areas that require additional follow up for potential future town hall:** timelines for various vaccine options, how to engage high risk patients and health care workers, vaccination policies (i.e. school vaccination to attend), finalized settings for mass vaccination clinics, optimizing social media to support vaccine confidence.