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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

London Middlesex Primary Care
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ONTARIO'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

PHASES

	VACCINE QUANTITY	POPULATION TO BE VACCINATED	DISTRIBUTION SITES
 1	<p>Initial doses will vaccinate over 2,500 people, with additional shipments arriving over the coming weeks</p> <p>90,000 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and estimated 35,000-85,000 doses of Moderna vaccines (pending approval) are expected in the coming weeks</p> <p>An estimated total of over 2M doses is expected in this phase</p>	<p>Residents, essential caregivers, and staff of congregate care settings for seniors</p> <p>Health care workers</p> <p>Adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations</p> <p>Adult recipients of chronic home health care</p>	<p>Initially, two pilot sites, followed by selected hospital sites in Grey-Lockdown and Red-Control zones, expanding to approximately 21 hospitals across the province</p> <p>LTC Homes and Retirement Homes as soon as feasible.</p>
 2	<p>Increasing stock of vaccines available.</p>	<p>Expanded for health care workers, long-term care homes, retirement homes, home care patients with chronic conditions and additional First Nation Indigenous populations, including Métis and Inuit adults.</p>	<p>Expanded vaccination sites</p>
 3	<p>Vaccines available for every Ontarian who wants to be immunized.</p>	<p>All eligible Ontarians</p>	<p>Widely available across Ontario</p>

Role of MLHU

- Public health has the overall responsibility for the COVID-19 immunization program and regional plan
- Executed with others in multiple sectors

MLHU COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

- Currently available online for review
- Comments invited!

Vaccine Delivery Strategies

Phase	Delivery strategy	Partner Agency
1	Mass vaccination clinic	London Health Sciences Centres
	Mobile teams	Middlesex-London Paramedic Service On-site staff at large facilities
2	Additional mass vaccination clinics	Middlesex Hospital Alliance Other partners to be determined
3	Primary care clinics	Various
	Pharmacies	Various

Role of Primary Care

- In the fall of 2020, over 100,000 doses of influenza vaccine were distributed to primary care in the Middlesex-London region.
- Highlights the tremendous potential and willingness of primary care to participate in the delivery of COVID-19 vaccine.

Role of Primary Care

- Primary care will play a critical role in the COVID-19 vaccine program at all phases of the distribution plan including:
 - addressing vaccine hesitancy,
 - assessment and management of adverse events following immunization, and
 - broad distribution of the vaccine in Phase 3.

Primary Care COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force

- A **Primary Care COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force** has been formed and will be an essential collaborator in anticipation of Phase 3.

Phase One

- **Congregate care for seniors, staff and residents (e.g. Long-term care, retirement homes etc.)**
- Health-care workers
- First Nations Inuit and Metis populations
- Adult recipients of chronic home care services

Prioritization

- Demand for COVID-19 vaccine supply will initially exceed available supply; prioritization must be set among health care workers
- Stepwise approach to health care worker prioritization will be used, focusing first on sectors and settings, then on level of community risk, and lastly on individual risk

COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee

- Lead by MLHU, HPPH, and SWPH
- Exclusively within context of provincial guidelines
- Weekly memos and updates



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COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

The Ministry of Health, through the guidance of the provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, directs allocation of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine supply differs by region. Vaccination eligibility will be reviewed weekly by the [Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee](#), based on the regional vaccine supply and Provincial direction. Eligibility criteria and prioritization schedules will be shared on this page as the latest information becomes available.

Who's currently eligible?

**As of January 20, 2021*

Long-term care home residents, as defined by the Ministry of Long-Term Care

High-risk retirement homes residents, as defined by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

- Co-located with long-term care homes
- Containing a memory unit
- Identified as Red or Yellow by the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHRA)

For more information, please download the Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee's [January 20, 2021 update](#).

Other Important Updates

Changes to Second-Dose Schedule:

Consult the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) for the most current information.

MLHU progress

- MLHU vaccinated all LTCHs in the region by Sunday, January 24 (first dose)
- High-risk retirement homes will be done by Wednesday!
- Western Fair Agriplex Clinic currently closed, awaiting more stock
- Additional mass vaccination clinics are being planned