

Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force

Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, Aug 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

MOH Update

Dr. Ian Arra, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Vaccination strategy continues moving to targeted pop-up and mobile clinics. Progress is slower than anticipated. We are working with municipalities, businesses, schools to increase the uptake.
- More advocacy to the government, including task force letter and key sectors, reflected in an increased appetite at provincial level for policy mandating vaccines.

Dr. Rim Zayed, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Vaccine coverage rate data processes will be adjusted to match provincial population data and demographic denominators. Will better align local reports with ministry reports.

Vaccines Update

Sarah Ellis, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Continue to seek opportunities to work with businesses and municipalities for pop-up and mobile clinics.
- Clinics at school locations begin next week to support back-to-school vaccine readiness. Operatizing underway for in-school clinics when schools return.
- Discussion of promotion of intra-school vaccine rates to encourage vaccine adoption in youth. Example Wellington-Dufferin. Data source discussion.

Clinic Planning

Sarah Ellis, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Discussion regarding onboarding Primary Care and Pharmacy.

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Resource Support

- Hubs decommission continues
- 211 call centre received 10,700 calls, centre decommissioned
- Inventory management support from Grey transitioning from Hubs to pop-up and mobile clinics

General Discussion

- Recent court decisions establishes case law with respect to businesses' rights regarding vaccine policy. Includes enabling situationally appropriate requirements for proof of vaccine and rapid test of unvaccinated.
- Discussion of direct/indirect costs to pharmacy operators in providing vaccines.
- Discussion to explore vaccine clinics at seasonal trailer sites for residents returning to U.S.
- Assessment centres will continue to Mar. 31, 2022. Planning underway for expected increase demand on capacity.
- Recent Retirement Home outbreak indicates the success of vaccine coverage as seen by minimizing severity of disease and no hospitalizations in vulnerable population.
- Grey Bruce credited for success of New Zealand mass immunization clinic, 16,000 doses administered in 3 days

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm