

Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force

Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

MOH Update

- 99% of cases now are the highly transmissible Delta variant requiring 90% vaccination coverage, up from previous vaccination target of 75%.
- Data on social analysis of surge shared. Majority of transmission occurred in people not fully vaccinated.
- Data on vaccine demographics shared. Gap in under 40 years old. August messaging and clinics geared toward this group.
- Long-term, vaccine rollout will be through the health unit, family health teams/primary care, pharmacy, mobile/pop-up clinics.
- Municipalities requested to map potential locations for pop-up clinics.
- Communication sent through Chamber of Commerce around workplace vaccine policies.
- Communication sent to large employers to facilitate onsite workplace vaccines for groups of 20 or more.
- Discussion on disincentives for unvaccinated in schools and workplaces. Will develop advocacy letter to province.
- Discussion on quarantine for fully vaccinated persons exposed to Delta variant

Vaccines Update

- EMS partnership efforts in Grey Bruce were recognized.
- Pop-up and mobile clinics will continue in August. EMS will be available to assist, if required.

Vaccine Distribution Planning

- Vaccine distribution data shared. Grey Bruce has administered over 213,000 doses of vaccine.
- Geographic vaccine data shared. Some municipalities have over 80% first dose coverage.
- Moving from hub model to mobile clinics part of effort to make vaccines more accessible. Targeting areas with lower uptake.
- Discussion on lowered demand for vaccines and jeopardy that vaccines may expire. Messaging around expiring vaccines to be sent.
- Discussion on increasing the number of pharmacy and primary care providers. Various strategies discussed.

Resource Support

- Summary overview on resource support presented.

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- Call centre volume dropping. Will close by end of July.
- Last hockey hub will be July 30. Decommission in August. Hub equipment to be stored for one year.
- Discussion on saliva testing or alternatives for children.
- Discussion on assessment centres winding down. GBHU to provide guidance around testing.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm