

# Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force

## Meeting Summary

**Date:** September 22, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### MOH Update

*Sarah Ellis for Dr. Ian Arra, Grey Bruce Health Unit*

- Ministry is looking at rolling out Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year olds; looking for potential spaces to host the clinics and partner with primary care and pharmacy
- Not looking to provide vaccinations for 5-11 year olds in school setting due to the age of recipients
- Grey Bruce 80% of eligible population fully vaccinated; increase in uptake since introduction of passport.

### Vaccines Update

*Sarah Ellis, Grey Bruce Health Unit*

- Details provided on 3rd dose roll out at long term care and retirement homes, 419 doses administered as of last week
- Details provided on 3rd dose for immunocompromised; must meet specific criteria including undergoing active treatment for solid tumors, those in receipt of chimeric antigen receptor, those with moderate or severe immunodeficiency, stage 3 or advanced HIV infection and those undergoing active treatment with the following categories:
  - Anti-B cell therapies, high-dose systemic corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, tumor-necrosis factor inhibitors and other biologic agents that are significantly immunosuppressive
- Update on Pop Up Clinics; seeing moderate uptake. Will have to re-visit areas with large uptake of 1<sup>st</sup> doses.
- Update on School Clinics; in-school only for eligible students (Gr. 7 to 12) and staff, 1st/2nd dose, consent form/fact sheet distributed to students, running in each school from September 13 to October 1.

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### Resource Support

*Matt McMurdie, Grey Bruce Health Unit*

- No update

### General Discussion

- Vaccine Passport is now in place; local businesses reaching out for new policy information and consumers reaching out with questions.
- Many areas are ending state of emergency but a potential fourth wave could arrive in October.
- Discussion regarding showing vaccine passport to businesses; for people who do not own a mobile device or cannot print a copy, they can go to provincial libraries and Service Ontario locations as they will print them for the individual.
- Sarah will be sharing ministry generated posters that businesses can post
- Prediction of a fall surge in full spectrum of respiratory diseases, especially in children.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021. 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm