

Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force

Meeting Summary

Date: September 8, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

MOH Update

Dr. Ian Arra, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Provincial passport moving forward. Thanks to group for advocacy effort that helped propel initiative with government.
- Working with business sector to support workplace policy including testing; streamlining local access to testing kits through Chamber of Commerce.
- Grey Bruce 82% 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, to be complete by mid-September
- Details provided on 3rd dose for immunocompromised; must meet specific criteria including physician sign-off, vaccine available at Primary Care, Specialist Clinics and Public Health Pop Up Clinics (Not available at Pharmacy).
- Update on Pop Up Clinics; scheduled to go to end of September, 1st, 2nd and 3rd doses both Moderna and Pfizer
- 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.

Resource Support

Matt McMurdie, Grey Bruce Health Unit

- Hubs decommission complete. Thanks to Chapmans and Bruce Power for storage.
- Thank you items have been sourced as gifts for volunteers.

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General Discussion

- Identified that pharmacies also have rapid antigen testing capability.
- Two additional primary care locations now onboarded to vaccinate.
- Discussion identified policy and regulation, including passport, will be driving force to influence remaining unvaccinated to get shot. Ease of vaccine availability not an issue.
- Discussion on vaccine exemptions.
 - Very limited criteria for medical exemption
 - Workplaces can ask for a 3rd party assessment of medical exemption
 - Discussion on religious exemption and Human Rights exemption

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021. 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm