

COVID-19 Response Update #23

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Report Summary

This report is the twenty-third Council Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency and builds on the information provided in previous reports on April 7, May 5, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 7, August 12, September 8, September 22, October 6, October 20, November 10, November 24, and December 15, 2020. In 2021, updates have been presented on the January 12, January 26th, February 9, February 23, March 9, March 23, April 13 and April 27 Council Agendas.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report is informed by all of the Strategic Objectives outlined in the City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan 2019-2027. There is no relationship to the CEEP.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

A: INTRODUCTION

Since Thursday, April 8, Greater Sudbury has been under a province-wide "Stay at Home Order". The province has extended this order and it is now scheduled to expire on May 20, 2021.

As reported at the last update, COVID numbers locally have trended down since a spike at the end of March. The number of active cases is now consistently below 100 and the average daily count of new cases now stands at 7.25 for the last seven days.

Even more positive is the fact that this community has avoided overwhelming local health care resources and Health Sciences North has been able to provide some relief to other regions of Ontario by receiving patients from the GTA.

Continued vigilance and adherence to public health measures continues to be vitally important in containing any potential for a return to the third wave numbers seen just a few weeks ago.

City of Greater Sudbury staff continue to support the vaccination program as a high priority and the community has responded well with more than 89,000 doses of vaccine administered to date.

B: CURRENT STATUS OF CGS SERVICES

There is no change to municipal services from the previous report. As stated, the Stay at Home order is scheduled to end on Thursday May 20. On Monday of this week, the provincial Medical Officer of Health indicated this order could be extended as provincial cases continue to increase at a high rate. If not, it is likely that there will be a return to the provincial colour-coded response framework. Staff will be monitoring provincial directives in this regard and will respond to any changes as quickly as possible.

CGS Communications continues to work with Public Health to provide effective and timely notifications and information. The latest information can always be found at greatersudbury.ca and phsd.ca. All communications channels will be used to convey public information on any changes and citizens can also contact 3-1-1 with any questions.

C: SUPPORT FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Mass vaccination clinics continue to be scheduled to be held at Countryside, Edgar Leclair, Centennial and Carmichael Arenas facilities in Sudbury, Azlida and Hanmer. City staff continue to coordinate and staff a local call centre to assist in booking specific eligible groups and those who are not able to access web-based booking tools.

The supply of vaccines continues to increase across Ontario. A number of clinics are planned at all four Mass Immunization Clinic Sites across the city over the next month.

D. NEXT STEPS

CGS Communications continue to work with PHSD to share and amplify the most accurate and up to date information for the public.

Staff will provide a further update at the meeting of Council on May 25, 2021.

E: REFERENCES

Links to all updates between April 7 and November 24, 2020 can be found in the December 15 report:

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council December 15, 2020,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=33878.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council January 12, 2021,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34038.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council January 26, 2021,
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34176.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council February 9, 2021

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34252.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council February 23, 2021

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34341.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council March 9, 2021

<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=34405.pdf>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council March 23, 2021

<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?documentid=37578>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council April 13, 2021

<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=39762>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council April 27, 2021

<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=39856>