

COVID-19 Response Update #24

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Report Summary

This report is the twenty-fourth 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, April 27 and May 11 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

On Thursday, May 20, the Ontario government announced that the province-wide “Stay at Home Order” will remain in place until 60% of eligible adults in the province have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This milestone is expected to be achieved by the week of June 14, at which point the province may enter Stage 1 of a three stage reopening plan, which was also announced on May 20. Full details of the provincial “Roadmap to Reopening” can be found here - <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000161/ontario-releases-three-step-roadmap-to-safely-reopen-the-province>

Locally, COVID numbers continue to improve with the number of active cases a fraction of a few weeks ago. In fact, yesterday (Monday May 24), for the first time in many weeks, there were no new cases identified in our public health region. Other regions of Ontario, including Timmins, have not fared as well in recent days,

so it remains critically important for citizens to remain vigilant and follow public health directives while we work to vaccinate the majority of our population.

The total number of vaccines administered in our area is now over 105,000 and everyone 12 and over is now able to book an appointment to receive their first dose. Additional clinics are being scheduled and staff continue to support these efforts as an absolute priority.

B: CURRENT STATUS OF CGS SERVICES

As part of the May 20 announcement, outdoor recreation amenities were permitted to reopen last Saturday, May 22. Community Development Department staff have now removed barriers to tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts as well as skate parks. There is still a requirement for physical distancing and appropriate signage remains in place at all facilities.

There are no significant changes to municipal services as part of Stage 1 of the provincial reopening plan on June 14. Each stage is expected to last 21 days and staff are working through the details for Stage 2 and Stage 3 of the plan and will bring an update on what to expect at each stage, at the next meeting of Council.

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 and it is expected that the local rate of vaccination will also accelerate over the next several weeks.

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 June 15, 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>

COVID-19 Update, Report to Council May 11, 2021
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=39958>