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Meeting Date	February 23, 2021			Report Date	February 23, 2021				
Decision Requested		Yes	X	No	Priority		High		Low
	Direction Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed	

Report Title
COVID 19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Resolution	Relationship to the Strategic Plan/Health Impact Assessment
For Information Only	<p>This report is informed by all of the Strategic Objectives outlined in the City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan 2019-2027, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management and Service Excellence • Business Attraction, Development and Retention • Climate Change • Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness • Housing • Create a Healthier Community • Strengthen Community Vibrancy
Resolution Continued	Background Attached


Report Summary
<p>This report is the sixteenth Council Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency and builds on the information provided in the previous reports on the April 7, May 5, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 7, August 12, September 8, September 22 and October 6, October 20, November 10, November 24, December 15, January 12, January 26th and February 9 Council Agendas.</p>


Financial Implications
<p>There are no financial implications for this report.</p>

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Division Review
<p>NA</p>

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Financial Implications
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A: INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday February 16, the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) region emerged from the Stay at Home Order and was into the Orange (Restrict) zone as provided for under the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework.

As a result, additional economic activity has resumed in the community with stringent safeguards. This includes examples such as indoor dining, fitness centres and personal services.

The Orange (Restrict) Zone will be in place until at least March 1 and the status is reviewed weekly by the provincial government. Local COVID-19 numbers have been trending down in the past two weeks, which demonstrates residents' commitment to embrace public health protocols.

At the same time local leaders have also indicated that there is significant concern about the potential spread of COVID-19 variants and the community must remain vigilant in order to avoid the need for a stronger response, including more restrictions on gatherings and activities.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts has announced the conclusion of a successful campaign to vaccinate residents of long term care homes and high-risk seniors' residences. A total of 1,729 consenting residents were immunized as of February 10. City staff at Pioneer Manor and within Paramedic Services, played an active role in achieving this goal.

B: CURRENT STATUS OF CGS SERVICES

As of February 16, the City of Greater Sudbury was able to begin reopening libraries, fitness centres, and pools. In line with provincial regulations and public health advice, all facilities have safety protocols and safety guidelines in place and most recreation facilities require pre-registration to avoid overcrowding.

Adanac and Lively Ski Hills opened on Wednesday, February 17th. Provincial regulations require that participants at downhill ski hills must have sufficient space to physically distance at least 2 meters apart. Based on guidance from Public Health capacity limits have been established to ensure physical distancing can be achieved at both ski hills. Pre-registration and COVID screening is also required prior to attending ski hills. 72% (1746 of 2440) of Adanac registration spaces and 100% (400 of 400) spaces at Lively have been reserved since opening.

Most community arenas reopened February 19th with safety guidelines and protocols in place. Public skating will resumed effective February 20. Online registration is available at www.greatersudbury.ca/play/arenas/public-skating.

As noted below, a number of City facilities have been identified as locations for vaccination clinics, including community arenas. As a result, Carmichael and Dr. Edgar Leclair Arenas are no longer available for public use at this time. Staff has worked directly with user groups on a process to reallocate ice at other facilities.

C: SUPPORT FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Staff in various service areas, through their participation on the Greater Sudbury COVID-19 vaccine implementation committee, continue to support Public Health as they lead the COVID-19 vaccination program. This includes co-leading the operations and logistics for the vaccination booking call centre and vaccination clinic sites, some of which are taking place at community arenas. Details are being finalized and will be released by Public Health.

As announced by Public Health, the immediate priority for first-dose vaccination continue to be:

- Staff and essential caregivers in long term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and First Nations Elder care home, including any residents of these settings that have not yet received a first dose of the vaccine.
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors.
- “Highest Priority” health care workers, followed by “Very High Priority” health care workers, as per the Ministry of Health’s [guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#) (PDF, 979 KB).
- Indigenous adults in northern remote and higher risk communities, including on-reserve and urban communities.

D. NEXT STEPS

As the vaccination plans become clearer, CGS Communications will continue to liaise with PHSD to share updates and key messages for the public.

Staff will provide a further update at the meeting of Council on March 9, 2021.

E: REFERENCES

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