



Media Release

March 29, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine – 70+ Now Booking in Grey-Bruce Clinics completely booked

Due to the surge in demand, all appointments this week are fully booked.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is now vaccinating those age 70 and older, those turning 70 this calendar year. Anyone 70 years or older, born 1951 or earlier, is eligible to book an appointment using the online booking system or the toll free number.

- Click the link here: <https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine> or;
- Calling Provincial Telephone Booking System: 1-888-999-6488

In order to book online, you must have a valid green and white Ontario Health Card. If you have an expired health card or an old red and white health card, you must call the telephone booking system for assistance.

For frequently asked questions, booking links, and phone numbers please visit

- [Book Vaccine Appointment \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)
- Grey Bruce Health Unit Vaccine Information Line (toll-free) 1-833-421-1999, hours are Monday to Friday: 8 am - 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 4 pm

Appointment availability is based on vaccine delivery. As clinics fill, times can no longer be booked in the scheduler. If unable to book, try again later, additional clinics are being added regularly, as vaccine becomes available. We use all doses of COVID-19 vaccine we receive each week; with the exception of a small amount to ensure a supply for clinics scheduled at the start of the following week.

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COVID-19 Associated with School – Update

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with Timothy Christian School in Owen Sound to address a case of COVID-19, associated with Timothy Christian School in Owen Sound, ON.

While there is an individual with COVID-19 associated with this school, our assessment, to date, indicates that transmission did not take place within the school environment. Currently there are no outbreaks (i.e. evidence of transmission from person to person) in any schools or childcare centres in Grey Bruce. No bus routes are involved with this case.

In this situation, the individual with COVID-19 has been contacted directly by our COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Team. We have worked with the individual and the school and have identified all others, both in and out of the school environment, who may have been exposed and have determined their risk level. Any cohorts that have been identified as contacts to the case have been or are in the process of being excluded from school at this time.

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COVID-19 Associated with Georgian Bay Community School

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with Bluewater District School Board to address a probable case of COVID-19, associated with Georgian Bay Community School in Meaford, ON.

Currently there are no outbreaks (i.e. evidence of transmission from person to person) in any schools or childcare centres in Grey Bruce. One bus route is involved with this probable case.

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April 1, 2021

Grey Bruce moves to Provincial Shutdown

On Thursday April 1, the provincial government announced that Ontario, including Grey-Bruce, is moving to shutdown with the implementation of a [province wide emergency brake](#). Implementation is effective Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. and lasting at least four weeks.

The province-wide emergency brake puts in place key public health safety measures to help to stop the rapid transmission of COVID-19. Measures include:

- Prohibiting indoor organized public events and social gatherings and limiting the capacity for outdoor organized public events or social gatherings
- Restricting in-person shopping in all retail settings, with a 50 per cent capacity limit for supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies, and 25 per cent for all other retail;
- Prohibiting personal care services;
- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining; take-out, drive-through, and delivery only;
- Prohibiting the use of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness (e.g., gyms);
- Requiring day camps to close; and,
- Limiting capacity at weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies.

Full details can be viewed at [COVID-19 shutdown: enhanced public health and workplace safety measures](#)

"Moving to a shutdown will assist our effort to limit the transmission of COVID-19." says Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr Ian Arra. "In particular. the shutdown helps to address concerns we've have with bars and recreation classes that have been a source of transmission."

To stay safe and reduce transmission of COVID-19 follow these basics:

- **Wash your hands frequently**
- **Watch your distance (ideally 2 m)**
- **Wear your face covering correctly**
- **Avoid Crowds**
- **Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible**

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To stay informed, visit [Grey Bruce Public Health](#)

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Kelly Lush

From: Dr. Arra, Ian (MOH) <I.Arra@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca>
Sent: April-01-21 2:09 PM
To: Dr. Arra, Ian (MOH)
Subject: Ontario Implements Province wide Emergency Brake

Below please find update

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Important call w/CMOH Dr. David Williams

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Further to the call earlier today, please see the news release at the links below:

EN: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60986/ontario-implements-provincewide-emergency-brake>

FR: <https://news.ontario.ca/fr/release/60987/ontario-active-le-frein-durgence-provincial>

As soon as links to the updated regulation are available, I will share.

Thank you,
Colleen

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Mission: Working with Grey Bruce communities to protect and promote health.

Core Values: Effective communication, Partnership, Respectful Relationships, Quality and Innovation, Integrity, Leadership

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Media Release

April 5, 2021

Bruce and Grey Municipalities Move to Action on Safety and Well-Being

The Bruce and Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee is moving to action to further its goal of achieving safe, sustainable communities.

This large and dedicated collaborative is comprised of Bruce and Grey Counties, 16 lower-tier municipalities, eight police services, 14 police service boards, three boards of education, and more than 30 health and social service agencies and community committees. The Advisory Committee spent 2020 analyzing local data, reviewing community assets, and understanding resident perceptions of risks to safety and well-being shared through a community engagement survey. This work culminated in a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) that was approved by both county councils.

Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson states, “We are taking a collaborative approach to creating safer communities. Our approved plan allows us to leverage resources, implement priority actions, and address emerging issues through further engagement with our residents and key partners. We look forward to continue building safe and healthy communities with all who call our region home.”

The Bruce and Grey CSWBP identified five priority areas of risk for partners to work together to make measurable improvements on both regional and local issues: Addiction and Substance Use, Mental Health, Crime Prevention, Housing and Homelessness, and Poverty and Income. To evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on resident perceptions of safety and well-being, the committee has launched the community engagement survey for a second time. This survey runs from April 1 to May 16 and can be accessed on the CSWBP website at cswbp-brucegrey.ca. To request a hard copy of the survey, please contact your local municipal office or visit the CSWBP website.

Grey County Warden Selwyn Hicks notes, “This is a good time to connect with residents and gauge perceptions regarding community safety and well-being. Using a regional lens, it will be interesting to learn from the data and understand how the pandemic has impacted our communities. Having the baseline from a year ago will help identify who has been most impacted so we can focus our efforts on strategies to meet people where they are at.”

In the coming months, the CSWBP Advisory Committee will be working with identified Action Tables to ensure that targeted engagement occurs both geographically and with residents impacted by the specific areas of risk.

The goal of CSWBP is to achieve sustainable communities where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging and opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families can meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income and social and cultural expression. The success of society is linked to the well-being of each and every individual and integral to this success is cross-sector service coordination.

For more information on the Bruce and Grey Community Safety and Well Being Plan, please visit cswbp-brucegrey.ca.

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April 6, 2021

COVID-19 Associated with Beaver Valley Community School

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with Bluewater District School Board to address a confirmed case of COVID-19, associated with Beaver Valley Community School in Thornbury, ON.

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April 7, 2021

Grey Bruce Priority Population Booking System Now Live and Vaccine for 60+

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has deployed our local vaccine booking system for eligible priority populations identified for Phase Two. Those who book using this system must be able to attest to meeting the eligibility requirements.

As well as certain identified priority populations, Phase Two of the [Provincial Vaccine Distribution Framework](#), allows vaccinations for residents age 60 or older, born 1961 or earlier.

To access booking for both age and priority population visit [Book an Appointment for a COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

The priority populations are in a sequence and at this time, only certain groups are eligible including:

- [All those who were eligible in Phase One](#)
- [People who live and work in high-risk congregate settings](#)
- [Individuals with highest risk and high-risk chronic conditions and their caregivers](#)

Be advised, decision on vaccine eligibility can only be made by Public Health based on Provincial direction and ethical framework.

Any communication regarding booking of clinics in Grey and Bruce can only come from the Grey Bruce Health Unit or Ministry of Health.

Those that do not have access to the online booking portal, please call: 1-833-421-1999, hours are Monday to Friday: 8 am - 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 4 pm. (Grey Bruce Community Connections).

For details of who will be getting the vaccine in the priority groups, please visit: [Other Currently Eligible Groups \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](http://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

The population that will be served first are, in condensed form (please review link above for detailed information):

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- High-Risk Congregate Living Settings
- Individuals with Health Conditions (most severe first)
 - Highest-Risk Health Conditions:
 - Organ transplant recipients
 - Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients
 - Neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised (e.g.,
 - motor neuron disease, myasthenia gravis, multiple sclerosis)
 - Haematological malignancy diagnosed <1 year
 - Kidney disease eGFR < 30
 - High-Risk Health Conditions:
 - Obesity (BMI > 40)
 - Other treatments causing immunosuppression (e.g., chemotherapy, immunityweakening medications)
 - Intellectual or developmental disabilities (e.g., Down Syndrome)

Other groups listed in the larger Phase Two category will become eligible as the vaccine rollout continues. These include people with at risk (vs. highest and high risk) health conditions and essential workers who cannot work from home.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Progress – End of Phase One

As Grey Bruce enters Phase Two of the provincial framework, we have achieved significant progress in vaccine distribution. We have administered vaccine above provincial averages.

- 36,028 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Grey and Bruce, to date

Overall, 21% of the approximately 150,000 residents eligible in Grey Bruce are vaccinated with first dose, compared to 16% of the Ontario population.

With Phase One of the provincial three-phase vaccine distribution plan complete, the Grey Bruce Health Unit announces vaccine milestones reached, or in progress, as of Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

- All Long-Term Care Home residents and staff offered first and second dose
 - 1172 (90%) residents vaccinated with first dose
 - 1101 (85%) residents vaccinated with second dose
 - 1341 (64%) staff vaccinated with first dose
 - 1166 (56%) staff vaccinated with second dose
- All Retirement Home residents and staff offered first and second dose
 - 1071 (92%) residents vaccinated with first dose
 - 761 (65%) residents vaccinated with second dose
 - 413 (61%) staff vaccinated with first dose
 - 307 (45%) staff vaccinated with second dose
- 77% of eligible First Nation residents living in First Nation communities vaccinated for first dose
 - 28% residents vaccinated with second dose to date
- All Highest, Very High, High-Risk and Moderate-Risk healthcare staff offered first dose
 - Hospital Sector - 2411 (77%) staff vaccinated to date with first dose
- All Police, Fire and EMS offered first dose
- 8563 (82%) of residents ages 80+ in Grey Bruce vaccinated with first dose
- 4886 (61%) of residents ages 75 - 79 in Grey Bruce vaccinated with first dose
- 4145 (34%) of residents ages 70 - 75 in Grey Bruce vaccinated with first dose

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As we move through the phases of prioritization, our Hockey Hubs are being brought up to full capacity for mass immunization clinics.

Following the prioritization guidelines for Phase Two, vaccines will be made available to population groups based primarily on age and risk, including adults aged 60+ years of age and groups recognized to have greater risk associated with hot spot communities, congregate living settings as well as highest and high-risk health conditions. Additional strategies will support vaccination of essential workers who cannot work from home and at-risk health conditions.

[Ontario Moving to Phase Two of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#)

Thanks go out to the partners and the Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force for the support they provided over the past weeks in planning and implementation to bring about the successful completion of Phase One. As we move into Phase Two, the bulk of our effort will go towards communication on vaccine rollout progress and education on vaccine readiness.

To stay up to date on current progress, please continue to visit the Public Health Unit's website and view our weekly progress report at:

[COVID-19 Vaccines \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)

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Grey Bruce Sets Record for Canada's Largest Ever COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Grey Bruce Health Unit administered 3498 vaccines at the [Hockey Hub](#) mass immunization system in Hanover yesterday. To our knowledge, this is the largest volume single-day mass immunization event in Canada.

On average, the Hockey Hub mass immunization system vaccinated 350 people per hour.

Clinic staffing included 5 vaccinators working at all times (including one volunteer physician), serving 5 rows of 30 pods each, total 150 vaccine pods. An additional 10 staff were reconstituting vaccine, mixing and drawing into syringes. There were 8 registration desks and 20 volunteers inside (3 four-hour shifts), 10 Town volunteers coordinating parking outdoors. Four Grey County EMS volunteers assisted in both clinical and non-clinical capacities.

Clinic hours were 8:30am to 6:30pm.

As well as the Hockey Hub in Hanover, three additional smaller local traditional clinics in Grey Bruce administered another 282 doses, for a total of 3780 doses administered in the day.

The Hockey Hub system was developed by Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra. The concept has been adopted by a number of Health Units across Ontario as well as the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta.

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COVID-19 Associated with St Mary's High School, Owen Sound

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board to address a probable case of COVID-19, associated with St. Mary's High School in Owen Sound.

One bus route is involved with this case.

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COVID-19 Associated with Immaculate Conception School, Formosa

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No bus routes are involved with this case.

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COVID-19 Suspect Outbreak Beaver Valley Community School

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with Bluewater District School Board to address a suspect outbreak of COVID-19 associated with Beaver Valley Community School in Thornbury, ON. Two positive cases are associated with this suspect outbreak.

A suspect outbreak identifies interim evidence of transmission from person to person. Status will be determined pending additional testing. No bus routes are involved with this suspect outbreak.

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COVID-19 Associated with Hanover Heights Community School, Hanover

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with the Bluewater District School Board to address a probable case of COVID-19, associated with Hanover Heights Community School, Hanover.

No bus routes are involved with this case.

The individual with COVID-19 has been contacted directly by our COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Team. We have worked with the individual and the school, along with the school board and have identified all others, both in and out of the school environment, who may have been exposed and have determined their risk level. Any cohorts that have been identified as contacts to the case have been excluded from school at this time.

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COVID-19 Outbreak at Notre Dame Catholic School, Owen Sound

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board to address an outbreak of COVID-19 associated with Notre Dame Catholic School in Owen Sound. Three confirmed cases are identified with this outbreak.

An outbreak is declared when there is evidence of transmission from person to person within the school environment. Two bus routes are involved with this outbreak. At this time, no school closure is required following April Break, as high risk cohorts have already been excluded from the school for 14 days. Our COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Team will continue to monitor and manage this outbreak.

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WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULE IN GREY BRUCE

for the week of April 12, 2021

Clinics are by appointment only. Schedule subject to change based on vaccine availability.

**Monday
April 12**

**Tuesday
April 13**

Davidson Centre
Hub Clinic in
Kincardine for
people age 60 and
older in 2021

**Wednesday
April 14**

P&H Centre Hub
Clinic in Hanover
for school and
childcare staff

Mobile Clinics for
Congregate Settings

**Thursday
April 15**

Bayshore Hub Clinic
in Owen Sound for
people age 60 and
older in 2021

Bayshore Hub Clinic
in Owen Sound for
people who are
immunocompromis
ed

**Friday
April 16**

Bayshore Hub Clinic
in Owen Sound for
people who are
Indigenous - second
dose

**Saturday
April 17**

First Nations
Community Clinic
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Bayshore Hub Clinic
in Owen Sound for
school and
childcare staff.

**Sunday
April 18**



Media Release

April 12, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout – Week of April 12

As part of Phase Two of the provincial rollout of vaccine, the Grey Bruce Health Unit is moving forward with plans to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to the following sectors, beginning this week:

- Staff and residents from local shelter services and congregate settings
- Childcare staff
- Staff in all public, Catholic and private schools

These clinics will be in addition to the already scheduled clinics for eligible age groups, Indigenous communities, and immunocompromised patients receiving chemotherapy. Eligible age groups can make an appointment through the [provincial booking system](#). All others can book through the [Grey Bruce Health Unit portal](#).

Education and childcare staff will be eligible for the first dose of vaccine. Providing education and childcare staff with the vaccine will ensure their protection for the remainder of the school year.

The following considerations went into the decision to move forward with vaccinations for education and childcare:

- The recent increase in case counts is directly related to increased COVID fatigue; this will only get more challenging in the weeks following April Break
- April Break offers the opportunity to administer the vaccine to maximize staff availability by accommodating their ability to attend an offsite clinic and prevent school staff absenteeism related to positive workplace screenings due to potential side effects of the vaccine within the days following administration.
- Providing the vaccine to school staff early in Phase Two, instead of the end of the Phase, offers the most benefit for communities as most schools would not operate during the summer.

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