



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Emergency Management Update (18)**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2021-05-48 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

### **Background:**

#### Province of Ontario

The entire province remains under the provincial Stay at Home Order until at least May 20, 2021.

The Stay-at-Home order currently in effect requires everyone to remain at home except for specified purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

As information changes frequently we are encouraging everyone to visit the [Provincial Website](#) to learn more about the restrictions in effect.

#### Grey Bruce Health Unit

To prevent further transmission of COVID-19 and support the large case volume that Grey Bruce was experiencing staff were re-assign from the Helpline to assist contact tracing and case management during the recent surge.

Having successfully contained the recent surge in cases of COVID-19 locally, the Grey Bruce Health Unit has re-activating their telephone Helpline,

519-376-9420 ext. 3000

The Grey Bruce Health Unit, in partnership with Bruce Power and NPX Innovation, announced the release of the Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine App for residents of Grey and Bruce counties, the app:

- Links to help you book your appointment
- An interactive map showing the locations of operating clinics
- What to expect at a mass clinic with a video and photo walk-through
- Information about the COVID-19 vaccine
- Who will get vaccinated and when

### Vaccines

Ontario plans to expand eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines in May, with shipments to the province expected to ramp up significantly in coming weeks.

- Week of April 26: All Ontario adults age 55 and up; those 45 years old and up in hot-spot communities; and licensed child-care workers.
- Week of May 3: Ontario adults over the age of 50; adults age 18 and up in hot-spot communities; those with health conditions deemed "high risk"; and some people who cannot work from home.
- Week of May 10: Ontario adults over the age of 40; those with health conditions deemed "at risk"; and more individuals who cannot work from home.
- Week of May 17: Ontario adults over the age of 30.
- Week of May 24: Ontario adults over the age of 18.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has a [dedicated webpage](#) that outlines who can book an appointment in Grey Bruce

### **Discussion:**

The global COVID-19 pandemic has been on-going since March 2020 with the Township of Huron-Kinloss being in a State of Emergency since March 23, 2020.

The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and Planning and Operations Group continue to meet weekly to assess changes in the pandemic and provide the required response when necessary.

Staff has been provided with information regarding vaccines and will be given flexibility for vaccine appointments.

The Municipal Office, located at 21 Queen St., Ripley and The Hub, located at 46 Queen Street remain open by appointment only until further notice.

Council and Committee Meetings will remain virtual until at least the first of October, 2021.

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre remains closed as per the provincial regulations.

Staff continues to update the website, deliver news releases, social media posts, electronic newsletters and hard copy newsletter to keep the residents informed on the pandemic and any modifications to services.

### **Financial Impacts:**

The financial impacts related to the pandemic are not known at this time.

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Emily Dance, Clerk

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer