



Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Update (23)

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Department: Clerk

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2021-08-91 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

Background:

Province of Ontario

Ontario is currently in the province's Step Three on the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). The provincial website notes that the province will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80% of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 75% have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70% of their eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated.

Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted.

The province has not indicated the date for moving from Step Three or what that may entail.

Grey Bruce Health Unit (GBHU)

The recommendations from Dr. Arra for the modified Step 3 in Grey Bruce remains in a modified Step 3. These recommendations include: current limits on private gatherings remain locally. It is recommended that an outdoor gathering can have a maximum of 25 people and 5 for indoors, the public is strongly encouraged to only dine outdoors, workplaces and patrons follow public health measures, especially gyms, cinemas, and fast food locations, Church services and attendees, specifically

wedding receptions, follow public health measures, Personal service settings and salons continue to require masks be worn, as in Step 2.

[On July 29, 2021 the GBHU](#) released that Grey-Bruce was no longer considered a COVID Hot Spot. Dr. Arra noted that if the weekly pattern of new cases continues to decrease or remain stable thru the long weekend, Grey-Bruce will be in a good position to move to full Step 3.

Discussion:

Vaccine Pop-up Clinic – Ripley Community Centre

The Grey-Bruce Health Unit hosted a drive-thru Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday July 28, 2021, from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre in Ripley.

Notice to the public was given by press release, direct mail, social media, flyers and signage across the Township encouraging all residents to attend.

Bussing was offered with pick-up locations at the Mennonite churches and a telephone number for residents to call if they need assistance.

The event saw approximately 75 people attend.

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 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