

Local health unit expecting 51,000 doses of vaccine by the end of May

On Monday (April 26), WDG Public Health received updated vaccine shipment details. The Province now projects that our region will receive 44,460 doses of Pfizer in May. Taken together with the 7,020 doses expected this week, Public Health projects more than 51,000 doses of Pfizer will be delivered by the end of May.

"This is tremendous news," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health.

"Our local vaccination program has the capacity to increase volumes at a moment's notice once we receive increased supply of the vaccine. Many thanks to the Province for this increase that should make a significant impact on our local vaccination timelines if the shipments arrive in Canada as projected."

As of April 26, 2021 87,304 residents of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (this includes Public Health and partner clinics, pharmacies and primary care providers).

There are more than 60,000 residents of the region currently pre-registered for a vaccine appointment.

If projected shipments arrive as expected, most people who are pre-registered will receive a vaccination by the end of May.

Public Health will follow the Province's vaccine framework, booking people for appointments by age and risk as the vaccination program flows from Phase 2 to Phase 3.

"By the end of May, this infusion of vaccines should allow us to reach and vaccinate more than 50 percent of the eligible population of the region," said Dr. Mercer.

"That's tremendous progress in a very short time. But, in order to end this pandemic, we must continue to strive toward meeting and surpassing the goal of 75 percent of eligible residents vaccinated against COVID-19. The higher we can push the number of people vaccinated, the better we protect all of us and the faster we are able to get back to normal. If you have not yet pre-registered, please do so as soon as possible."

Please visit: wdgpublichealth.ca/register to pre-register for your COVID-19 vaccination.

More information regarding the status of the COVID-19 cases and vaccines in Wellington-Dufferin Guelph can be found at: <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/your-health/covid-19-information-public/status-cases-wdg>