



Media release

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Mayor and Warden United on Need for More Vaccines

Peterborough, ON – Today, Mayor Therrien and Warden Jones issued a joint statement to the Province in support of Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra’s request for additional vaccines for our community.

“We congratulate the Province on making what we know was a tough decision to issue another Stay-at-Home order and restrictions on big-box stores.

We want to reaffirm our commitment to working together, now more than ever, for our residents and for our businesses.

This stay-at-home order is **a critical time** for us to ensure we have the vaccine supply we need to meet the month end target of having everyone over 60 vaccinated.

Right now, we don’t have enough allocated for our area to meet this target. Moreover, Peterborough City and County have unique characteristics that make ensuring the delivery of additional vaccines so critically important:

1. We have the highest percentage of older persons in our area! As compared with the Provincial average of 16% - we have 24%.
2. We have a high level of variants of concern in our area – this isn’t concentrated in one place – this is in our community.
3. We have a high number of transient visitors to our area – we love our lakes, parks and towns, but so do others and we have a huge influx of visitors to our area every weekend – and as we move into late spring many, many visitors to our areas. This puts our residents and communities at risk.

We are so glad to see our community embrace the vaccine and have a very low rate of vaccine hesitancy. Help US help them! Our current need is over 10,000 vaccines to meet the 60+ vaccination target. As you consider a change to how the Province approaches the vaccine priority criteria, there also will need to be a change in supply approach.

We know you are united with us in our efforts to stop COVID-19 and to support our residents and businesses as we eventually can open back up and welcome visitors back to our area”.

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