

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

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This is my first memo of 2021 and I am pleased to report how much progress has been made this past week. We have vaccinated 91,000 Ontarians since the start of the rollout.

As planned, we have been able to study our vaccine rollout at the first 19 sites to ensure our logistics were in place and running smoothly. We have worked with our Pfizer pilot sites, UHN and The Ottawa Hospital, to put together a playbook for future sites. This will allow us to continue expanding and make necessary changes to ensure we are running efficient clinics at their full capacity. We are always looking at ways to push harder and to use all available resources to vaccinate as many of our priority populations as we can each day.

To this end, we have put in place an accelerated Long-Term Care Home Vaccination Plan. Four public health units (Toronto, York, Peel and Windsor-Essex) are piloting the administration of the Moderna vaccine and are accelerating their vaccination plans at **161** long-term care homes. Our goal, which I know we can achieve, is to offer all residents, caregivers and staff who have not been vaccinated, the vaccine, on-site, by January 21, 2021.

We are not just focusing on the four pilot sites. We know that the other regions need to get the vaccine into their long-term care homes as well. With the protocols in place to move the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in place this week, public health units and hospitals will work together to vaccinate long-term care home residents from the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine doses allocated to hospital sites.

As we rollout vaccines in the above sites, we continue to work daily with all our health sector partners across the province ensuring they are ready when their vaccines are delivered.

Thank you to our public health unit, hospital and municipal partners who have taken the challenge to strive to do more each day and to push to the limits. I value the dedication and hard-work your staff are putting in each and every day.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force