

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

Important vaccine updates are included in this alert.

The ministry has shared several vaccine updates:

- [Vaccine After Care Sheet / French Version](#) (V.2.0 Jan 6, 2021)
Highlights of changes
 - Updated for Moderna Vaccine
 - Updated What to do, What to Expect and What to Remember sections (page 1-3)
- [COVID-19: About Vaccines / French Version](#) (V.2.0 Jan 6, 2021)
Highlights of changes
 - Updated to include Moderna vaccine (throughout)
 - Removal of clinical trial details chart
 - Question added to FAQs around interchangeability of COVID-19 vaccines
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Rollout / French Version](#) (V.2.0 Jan 6, 2021)

This bulletin will also provide an opportunity to summarize some of the work THU has done in preparation for vaccine coming to our district. Note, no specific date for this arrival is known at this time. Highlights include:

- A -20 C freezer has been acquired and installed at THU.
- A vaccination playbook is presently being constructed. This will be finalized and submitted to General Hillier and the Ministry before the January 22 deadline.
- Medical directives for vaccination have been developed and are being finalized.
- Storage and handling procedures for COVID vaccine have been developed and are being finalized.
- A consent form has been developed and is being finalized.
- Training is up-coming for COVAX, the provincial IT tool that has been developed for the COVID vaccine.
- A prioritization list for Wave 1 has been developed by the province and will be applied locally once we know the number of vaccines and timeline for THU.

We are asking that a primary care lead be identified for each group or independent practice that will be interested in taking part in COVID vaccination roll-out in our district. Please send your name and contact information to Rachelle Cote at coter@timiskaminghu.com.

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