will launch, with appointments starting April 6. Appointments for these clinics – and the other regional clinics already operating – are being uploaded into the provincial booking system for eligible groups.

"So with this new forecast of vaccines, we are currently uploading clinic appointments into the provincial system, up to I believe the 24th of April, and if they're not there yet, they're in the queue," said Dr. Ian Gemmill, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's acting medical officer of health. "It's a two-step process, we submit them to the Province of Ontario, and then their staff, who is busy putting in appointments from all across Ontario (and for) all 34 jurisdictions of local public health (agencies have to input the appointments.)"

Again, local officials say they aren't inputting appointments until doses are confirmed in an effort to avoid cancellations.

The public health-led clinics coming online next week are at the Trent Hills Emergency Services Base, at the Fenelon Falls Community Centre, and at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. (The A.J. LaRue Community Centre site is to open the week of April 12.)

Other local clinics at the Cobourg Community Centre (now being run by public health four days a week), and at the Lindsay Exhibition (run by Ross Memorial Hospital five days a week), continue to operate.

And while clinics are still limited by vaccine supply – a struggle we'll dive more into with upcoming coverage – with a little more vaccine flowing here recently, rollout is progressing.

"I know that the province wants to move to Phase 2 in April and I think that we are getting pretty darn close to being finished Phase 1," said Gemmill. "We've done all the retirement homes now (but) we're still working a little bit on the chronic home care (population)..."

In other words, the hope is soon this area will be well into Phase 2 and in "lockstep with others across Ontario."

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