

Christ the King School to host Colleges and Universities Fair tonight

Christ the King (CTK) Catholic Secondary School, 161 Guelph St. in Georgetown is hosting a College and University Fair on Thursday, Oct. 8 and everyone's invited.

The event will be held in the school gym, 6-8 p.m. It will feature all 21 Ontario universities and all 26 Ontario colleges, StudyNorth.ca, St. Mary's of Nova Scotia and Trinity Western University in British Columbia.

Presentation— 25 minutes each— schedule is:
In the library:

- 6:15 p.m. Waterloo
- 6:45 p.m. Brock
- 7:15 p.m. McMaster
- 7:45 p.m. Queen's

In the theatre:

- 6:15 p.m. University of Toronto
- 6:45 p.m. Western
- 7:15 p.m. University of Guelph
- 7:45 p.m. Laurier

In the cafeteria:

- 6:15 p.m. Humber College
- 6:45 p.m. Fanshawe
- 7:15 p.m. Sheridan
- 7:45 p.m. Mohawk College

Info: www.ctk.ca/grade-12

More people getting flu shots at the pharmacy: Halton report

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Halton pharmacies continue to play a larger role in administering the annual flu shot.

Last season, 93 pharmacies across the region, delivered 40,850 doses of the influenza vaccine.

That compared to 78 pharmacies the year before, which saw the pharmacies deliver 33,170 shots.

The statistics were included in a report shared with Halton regional council's health and social services committee meeting Tuesday (Oct. 6).

"Last year, in the urban areas of Halton, more than 98 per cent of residents were well within two kilometres of a pharmacy that provided flu shots," Halton's Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Dr. Hamidah Meghani shared with committee members.

"A pharmacy is often just around the corner and more accessible than our community clinics," she said.

Family physicians' offices also remain a popular choice of where residents get vaccinated with 91,210 doses of the flu shot delivered last season.

At the same time, community clinics

saw a decline in visitors — from 7,472 in 2013-2014 to 5,910 last season.

As Halton Region's Health Department (HRHD) begins to roll out its influenza immunization program, it's looking at making some changes given the recent data.



Halton Region is rolling out its influenza immunization community clinics across the region this month.

Through a "health equity lens," the HRHD plans to focus on improving accessibility and reaching the most vulnerable in Halton with its influenza immunization community clinics, said Meghani.

Currently, pharmacies aren't allowed to administer the influenza vaccine to children under the age of five or those without health cards (refugees, new immigrants and international students).

Meghani said using Census and birth data to identify areas with a high density of children under five years old, the community clinics are being planned to address the gap in the pharmacies' services as well as serve those who are older, have chronic diseases, visual impairment, hearing loss and mobility issues.

A total of 12 community clinics will be located throughout Halton this month.

In Halton Hills, community clinics will be offered:

- Oct. 19 at Hillside Active Living Centre, 318 Guelph St., Unit 9, from 1-8 p.m.
- Oct. 20 at Acton Arena & Community Centre, 415 Queen St. E., from 1-8 p.m.

In Milton, community clinics will be offered:

- Oct. 16 at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 27 at Hawthorne Village Public School, 850 Bennett Blvd., from 4-8 p.m.

The HRHD also plans to continue and expand distribution of the vaccine to pharmacies and physicians. Staff will also enhance scrutiny of vaccine ordering practices and the monitoring and reporting of cold chain failures and vaccine wastage.

For more information, visit halton.ca/flu.

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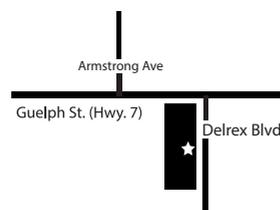
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