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# Halton Highlights 2021

## It's time to #RollUpYourSleevesHalton and get vaccinated!

Halton Region continues to make great progress on our vaccine rollout, with 68 per cent of adults receiving at least one dose as of May 31. All residents 12 years of age and older are currently eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccine at a Halton Region Vaccination Clinic or at participating pharmacies in our community. Now is the time to #RollUpYourSleevesHalton and book your vaccine appointment if you haven't done so already. By getting vaccinated, you are protecting yourself, your family and our community against the COVID-19 virus.

Our ability to offer more appointments, including earlier second dose appointments to more groups, remains dependent on vaccine supply from the Federal Government and doses allocated to us from the Province. Please continue to check our website for updates about other groups who have the option to reschedule.

#### You can continue to visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines to:



find information about eligibility and easily book an appointment;

learn about vaccine safety and find answers to frequently asked questions;



verify/confirm, reschedule or cancel appointments; and

access our COVID-19 vaccination dashboard.

## Shop local this summer to support local agri-businesses

Local farms and agri-businesses have adapted their services during the COVID-19 pandemic by offering online purchases, delivery and curbside pick-up. With local farmers' markets starting to open up across Halton in the coming weeks, there are many convenient ways to get fresh produce close to home. Our Simply Local online map is an easy way to learn about farms near you, find out what's in season or plan your next agri-venture. If you are on the go, you can also access the map from your phone or tablet.

Use the map to check out what Halton has to offer, including:

- farmers' markets;
- farms with fresh produce and seasonal activities; and
- nurseries and garden centres.

To learn more about agriculture in Halton and to use the Simply Local map, visit **halton.ca** or use the OneHalton app.





We all have a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19. Gary Carr, Regional Chair

## Celebrating National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, a time for Canadians to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. This month is celebrated through events, education and discussions to commemorate Indigenous Leaders and heritage and increase awareness of Indigenous voices today. We recognize the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as the treaty holders on which Halton resides, and all Indigenous Peoples living within the Region including First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

We also take this time to honour the 215 Indigenous children found in a mass grave at a Residential School in British Columbia. Our thoughts and prayers are with all Indigenous children, the survivors of the Residential School System, those who never returned home and their families. We have lowered the flags at all Regional facilities and they will remain at half-mast for nine days, one hour for each child whose life was taken.

I encourage all residents to seek opportunities for Indigenous education, discussions about diversity and culture and have meaningful and respectful conversations with Indigenous Peoples.



#### **Meetings at Halton Region**

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to **halton.ca**.

Visit **halton.ca** for the full schedule.

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