

TESTING CENTRE OFFERS VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR EDUCATORS

FH Health in Oakville is offering special appointment times exclusively for education and childcare staff.

This includes teachers, custodial staff, administrative staff, school bus drivers and childcare employees.

There are 10 new clinics being operated by FH Health located throughout the GTHA, with the only

Halton clinic being the Oakville site, located at 125 Lakeshore Rd. E.

Those eligible who wish to book an appointment can do so through the FH Health website at <https://www.fhvax.com/book-edu>

Important information including eligibility, what to bring to the appointment - including proof of employment - is available

there.

In addition to the FH clinics, some pharmacies are providing appointments specifically for education and childcare staff. For a list of pharmacies providing vaccines, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations/pfizer>

FH Health Testing Centre is a COVID-19 PCR testing centre.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS ON THE RISE

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The province has delayed students' return to school until at least Jan. 17 and brought in other restrictions in order to slow the spread of the Omicron variant and ease pressure on the healthcare system.

Ontario has also closed indoor dining, theatres, museums and indoor sports and recreation facilities. Shopping malls, personal care business and indoor weddings and funerals are limited to 50 per cent capacity and social gatherings will be limited to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.

The province will evaluate the situation on Jan. 24 and decide whether to lift the restrictions.

Hospitalizations in Halton due to COVID-19 more than doubled during the past week, going from 34 patients with COVID-19 to 73.

The number of COVID-19 patients in intensive care also more than doubled from five to 12.

Halton's hospitals were over capacity (115 per cent) for acute care beds while intensive care units were at 80 per cent capacity.

The region posted a single-day record of new COVID-19 cases, 836, during the week despite most people not having access to testing. Testing in the province is now limited to high-risk individuals and as a result rate of positive tests skyrocketed to 33.3 per cent.

The true number of

cases is believed to be much higher, as those without access to testing and experiencing symptoms have been told to assume they have COVID-19 and to isolate for five days or until they are no longer experiencing symptoms.

Those cases are no longer being included in the daily case totals



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What happens to my will if I get separated, Divorced and then re-marry?

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As at January 1, 2022 the legislation has changed what happens. Upon separation after January 1, 2022 your spouse is now automatically removed as an Estate Trustee and beneficiary under your existing will without any action on your part. Any division of assets would need to be dealt with under the Family Law Act or a cohabitation/marriage agreement. Prior to January 1, 2022 your spouse was automatically removed as Estate Trustee and beneficiary of your will only after Divorce. The date your spouse is removed as an Estate Trustee and beneficiary has just moved backward to the separation date rather than the Divorce date. Upon remarriage (or actually even a first marriage) prior to January 1, 2022 your will became null and void, and your new married spouse automatically became the major beneficiary under the Succession Law Reform Act. Now, marriage after January 1, 2022 leaves your old will intact. If you wish your new married spouse to benefit upon your death you must change your will.

The main reason behind these changes in legislation is to protect people against predatory marriages to the elderly. Before January 1, 2022 a short-term marriage without a new will left the bulk of the estate to the new spouse leaving the deceased's children little if anything. Now, after January 1, 2022, the old will stands normally leaving the bulk of the estate to the deceased's children. The legislation now favours the children over the newly married spouse.

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