



CORPORATE UPDATE #7 YORK REGION RESPONSE TO COVID-19

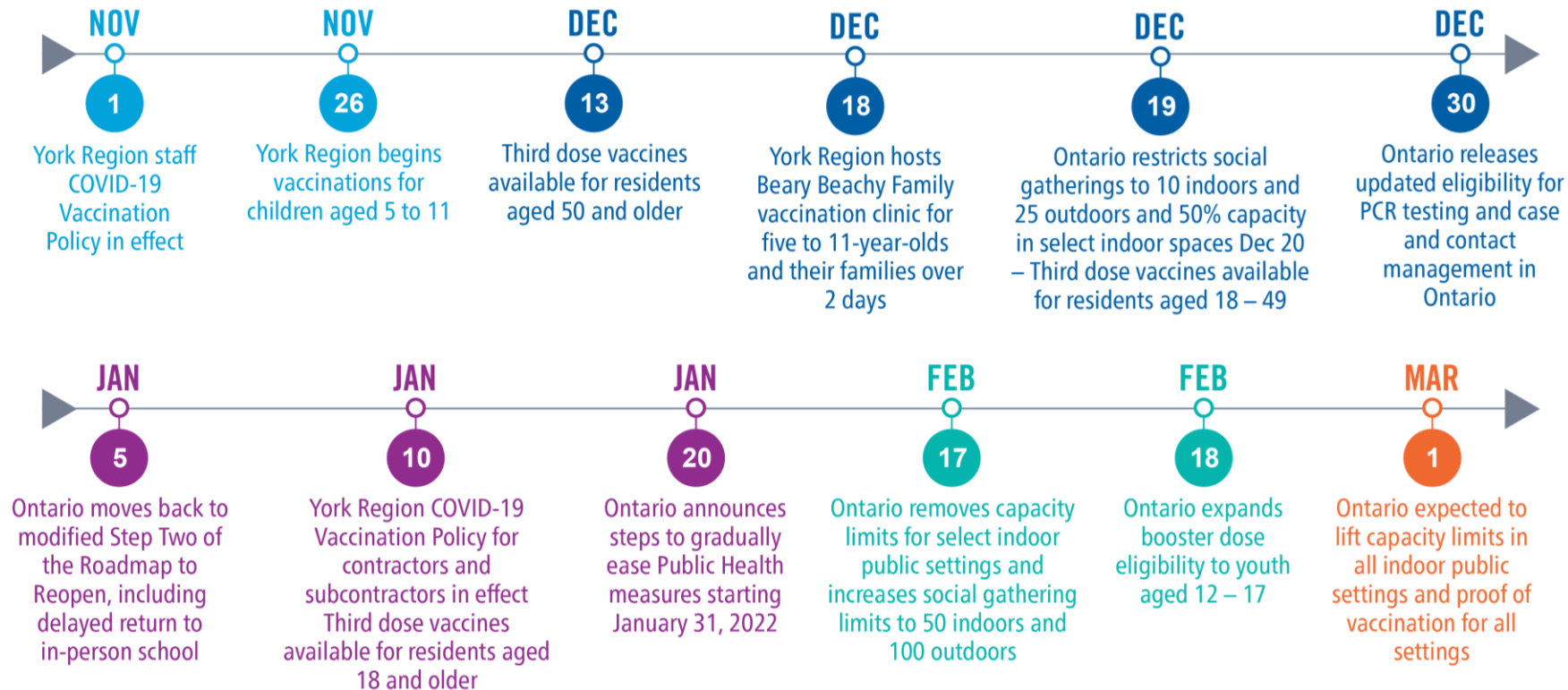
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YORK REGION'S CONTINUED RESPONSE AND PLANNING FOR RECOVERY

- York Region Responses to COVID-19 have been reported to Council as follows:
 - Update #1 on [April 2, 2020](#)
 - Update #2 on [June 25, 2020](#)
 - Update #3 on [October 22, 2020](#)
 - Update #4 on [January 28, 2021](#)
 - Update #5 on [April 22, 2021](#)
 - Update #6 on [September 23, 2021](#)
- This presentation will outline York Region's response activities since September 2021

TIMELINE OF YORK REGION'S CONTINUED RESPONSE & RECOVERY

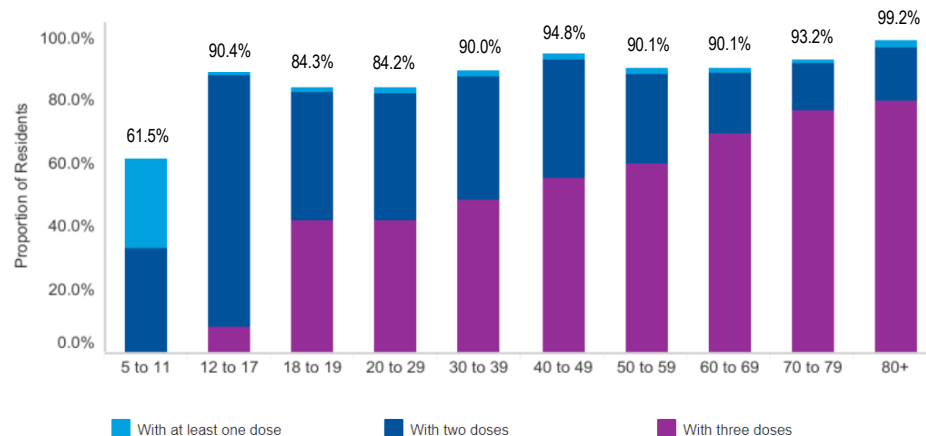
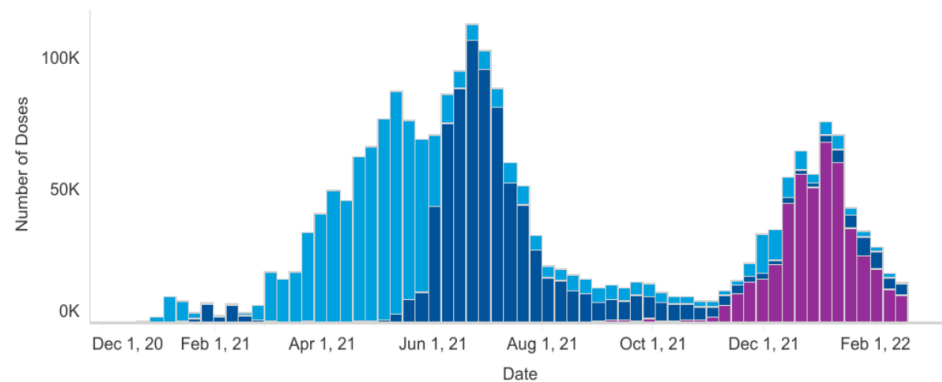


CHANGES TO COVID CASE TRACKING

- With the rapid rise of Omicron cases and changes at the provincial level related to testing eligibility and case management, many health units are now faced with the reality that case data reported externally is not a true representation of emerging cases
- As a result, changes were implemented on the York Region interactive dashboard effective January 5, 2022 to account for the provincial prioritization of case management of high-risk individuals and settings
- Public Health Units across Ontario are prioritizing case management of high-risk individuals and settings. Workplace outbreaks are no longer reported.
- York Region Public Health continues to manage and monitor vaccination rates within our community

YORK REGION VACCINATION UPDATE

- As of February 21, 2022, York Region has vaccinated:
 - 88.2% of residents 5+ with one dose
 - 84.3% of residents 5+ with two doses
- York Region continues to offer:
 - Walk-in clinics for any dose for ages 5+
 - Appointments for first and second doses for ages 5+ and booster doses for ages 12+
 - Information on pharmacy locations and GO-VAXX Mobile clinics offering vaccines
 - Fourth doses for residents of long-term care, retirement homes, elder care or other congregate settings servicing older adults
- For the latest clinic information or to book an appointment, visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine



FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS

CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT (CRSB)

\$450/week for a 1-week period for individuals who are unable to work because they are sick or must self-isolate.

Effective until May 7, 2022.

Canada [link](#)

CANADA RECOVERY CAREGIVING BENEFIT (CRCB)

\$450/week up to a total of 44 weeks for individuals who are required to provide care for a dependent family member due to COVID-19.

Effective until May 7, 2022.

Canada [link](#)

CANADA WORKER LOCKDOWN BENEFIT (CWLBB)

\$300/week to eligible workers who are unable to work due to temporary lockdown.

Between October 24, 2021 and May 7, 2022.

Canada [link](#)

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI) BENEFITS

Min. benefit rate of \$500/week, requiring at least 26 weeks of regular benefits, eligible for up to 50 weeks of regular benefits

Effective until September 24, 2022.

Canada [link](#)

COVID-19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Amount dependent on specific situation. In most cases recipient will receive similar support as available through Ontario Works.

Ontario  [link](#)

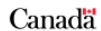
Visit [York.ca/Federal and Provincial Income Supports for Residents](https://www.york.ca/Federal-and-Provincial-Income-Supports-for-Residents) for additional programs. Please refer to official program websites for full details.

PRIMARY FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL SUPPORTS FOR BUSINESSES

BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP LOAN FUND

The program provides loans of up to \$250,000 to Black business owners and entrepreneurs so they can grow their businesses and succeed now and into the future.

Program ongoing



[MORE DETAILS](#)

HARDEST-HIT BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM

As a business, charity, or non-profit in Canada who has faced deep losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for a wage subsidy, a rent subsidy, or both through the program.

This program replaced the Canada Emergency Wage and Rent Subsidies.

Program ongoing



[MORE DETAILS](#)

CANADA RECOVERY HIRING PROGRAM (CRHP)

Provides support through the wage and rent subsidy programs to offset a portion of the extra costs employers take on as they reopen, either by increasing wages or hours worked or hiring more staff.

Program ends May 7, 2022



[MORE DETAILS](#)

TOURISM RELIEF FUND

Provides financial assistance to support tourism businesses and organizations to adapt their operations to meet public health requirements while investing in products and services to facilitate their future growth.

Program ongoing



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HIGHLY AFFECTED SECTORS CREDIT AVAILABILITY PROGRAM

Provides loans of up to \$1 million to hard-hit businesses, such as hotels, restaurants and other businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors. The program is available to all businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.

Program ends March 31, 2022



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TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Provides support through the wage and rent subsidy programs to hotels, tour operators, travel agencies, and restaurants, with a subsidy rate of up to 75%.

This program replaced the Canada Emergency Wage and Rent Subsidies.

Program ends May 7, 2022



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LARGE EMPLOYER EMERGENCY FINANCING FACILITY

The Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) provides bridge financing to Canada's largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing, in order to keep their operations going.

Program ends March 31, 2022



[MORE DETAILS](#)

JOBS AND GROWTH FUND

The Jobs and Growth Fund provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. For York Region businesses, the fund is delivered by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

Program ongoing



[MORE DETAILS](#)

ONTARIO COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT

Eligible businesses subject to closures as a result of the province's move to the modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen will receive a grant Of \$10,000.

Program ends March 11, 2022



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ONTARIO BUSINESS COSTS REBATE PROGRAM

Eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity will receive rebate payments for a portion of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to these measures.

Program ongoing during provincial restrictions



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IMPROVING CASH FLOWS FOR ONTARIO BUSINESSES

The Ontario Government is providing a six-month interest- and penalty-free period to make payments for most provincially administered taxes, including the Employer Health Tax, Beer, Wine & Spirits Tax, Fuel Tax and more.

Program ends July 1, 2022



[MORE DETAILS](#)

PREPARING FOR CORPORATE RECOVERY

- 100% of York Region staff are compliant with the corporate vaccination policy
- Staff will continue with their existing work arrangements, including on-site and remote working options, until April 2022 at the earliest
- Return to the office will be guided by provincial guidelines and several key factors, including legislative requirements and the need for in-person service
- Organizational adjustments are being implemented to provide continued support for endemic control, case management and vaccination as part of a new normalized structure, under the COVID Control Division of Community and Health Services

WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TOGETHER



We envision

strong, caring, safe communities

through our mission of

working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow

by relying on our values of

integrity, commitment, accountability, respect and excellence.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

