

## Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services

# Mass Immunization Planning

Planning for mass immunization campaigns in pandemic situations is a key responsibility of Public Health. Public Health last updated its mass immunization plan in September 2019, only 6 months before the pandemic began. This provided Public Health a starting point for the upcoming mass immunization campaign.

### The mass immunization plan consists of



Immunization clinic locations in all 12 local area municipalities



Vaccine delivery, storage, and security protocols



Clinic layout schematics



Staffing requirements for various scenarios of vaccination coverage desired



Clinical orientation materials and operating procedures



Clinical documentation and data collection tools



Supply procurement requirements

Since the pandemic began, Public Health has been working to adapt this plan for this specific pandemic through



Survey and selection of new clinic locations that accommodate the need for physical distance



Procurement of vaccine supplies and PPE



Redesign of clinic layouts to incorporate physical distance



Supporting primary care to test innovative mechanisms such as drive-through vaccinations, which serve as a test-run of such mechanisms for COVID-19 vaccinations

The exact form that the immunization program will take depends in large part on how quickly the Federal and Provincial governments can procure and allocate vaccine doses, as well as further operational directions from the province on priorities for vaccinations. As priority groups are solidified by province and doses arrive, Public Health will work with partners in healthcare and other sectors to scale up immunizations.

Public Health's current priority for the few doses available currently is to vaccinate priority groups where there is the greatest potential to prevent death and harm caused by COVID-19. This particularly includes long-term care home residents.

