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Bruce Power gives vaccine rollout a shot in the arm

As a member of the Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, Bruce Power is working closely with the Grey Bruce Health Unit to provide support around resources, logistics and expertise to help roll out COVID-19 vaccines throughout the two counties.

In February, to assist local vaccination efforts, Bruce Power helped the health unit convert the recovery centres in Hanover and Kincardine into mass immunization hubs. The company also recently donated ultra-low temperature freezers to the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Perth County Public Health for storage of the Pfizer vaccine.

“While we remain vigilant in implementing proactive prevention measures to ensure the health and safety of our workers and communities, we are committed to assisting the Grey Bruce Health Unit in its immunization program, which will truly end this pandemic,” said James Scongack, Bruce Power’s Executive Vice-President of Corporate Affairs and Operational Services.

The vaccine plan for the region will continue to follow the provincial framework and ensure those most at risk are first in line to receive the vaccine.

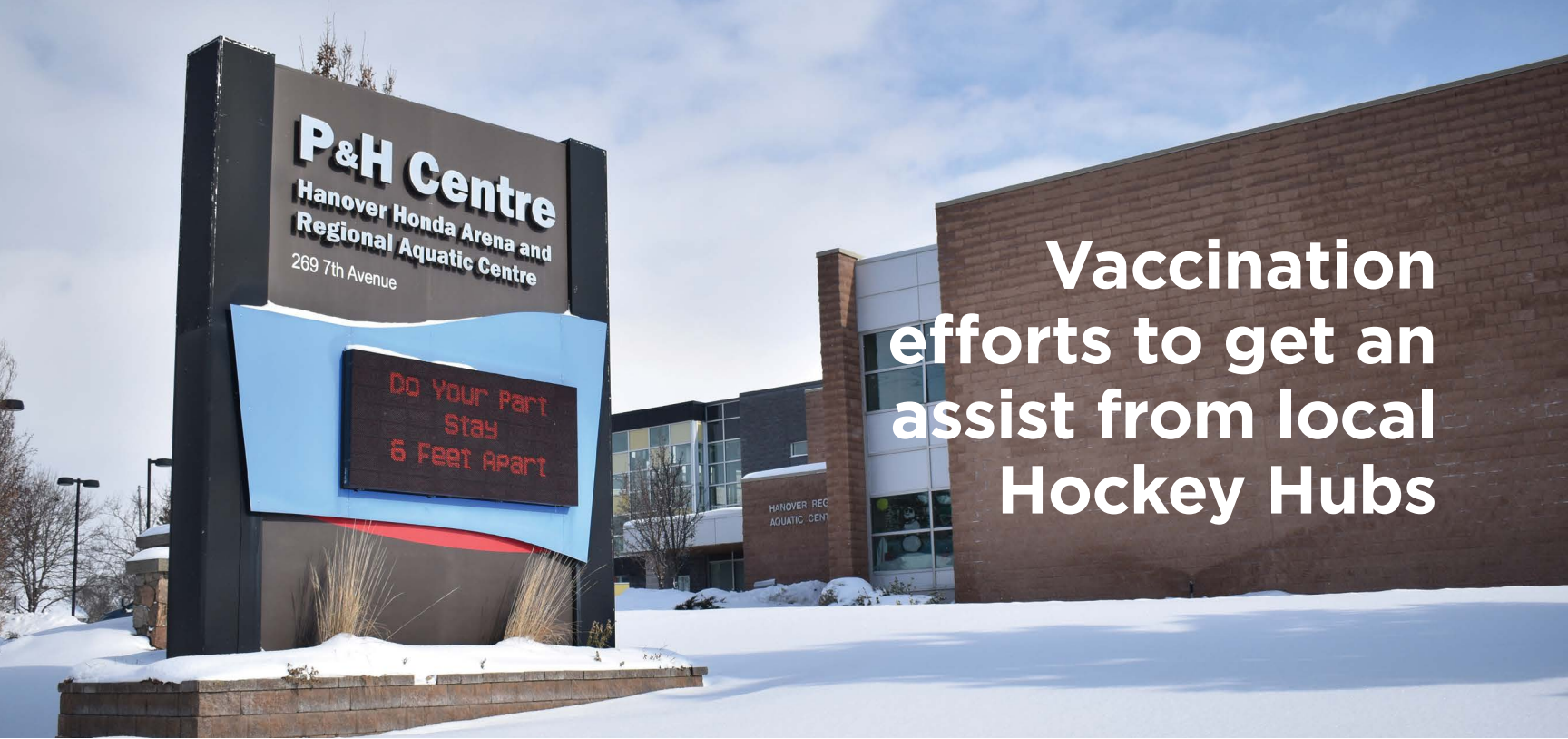
The next phase of the vaccine rollout will focus on long-term care and retirement home staff, essential caregivers, Indigenous communities, health-care workers and recipients of chronic home care. For Phase 2, scheduled to begin in April, vaccines will be administered to seniors; essential workers, including

first responders, teachers and those working in the food service industry; and people who live and work in high-risk congregate settings such as group homes, shelters and correctional facilities. Vaccines are expected to be available by August to all remaining Grey-Bruce residents.

“We are looking to vaccinate the most number of people in the shortest amount of time, starting with the most vulnerable of us,” said Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra. “The vaccine is the key to ending this pandemic both locally and globally. It will require time, but it takes us down the road on that journey back to a sense of normalcy again.”

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has worked with local partners such as municipalities, counties, private industry, faith groups, education leads and local media throughout the pandemic. The health unit will continue to work with these partners in the planning, distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccine across the region.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit and Bruce Power have teamed up to create this publication and are working together to support the community at large by sharing information and resources. As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, more than ever, members of our community are turning to food banks. We must continue to look out for each other. Please give what you can to our local food banks so they can help those in need.



Vaccination efforts to get an assist from local Hockey Hubs

In many communities across Bruce and Grey counties, the arena is their central meeting place, especially during hockey season. In 2021, towards the end of a once-in-a-generation pandemic, the players, sticks and skates could be replaced by patients, health-care providers and needles.

At the beginning of February, the health unit unveiled its plans for the Hockey Hub, a made-in-Canada solution for mass COVID-19 immunization clinics. To borrow some hockey parlance, the puck will drop on opening arenas in Owen Sound, Kincardine and Hanover to deliver thousands of vaccines daily when large quantities of the vaccine become available.

“Almost everyone in Canada is near a hockey arena, so it makes the Hockey Hub an ideal solution for large-scale immunization, not

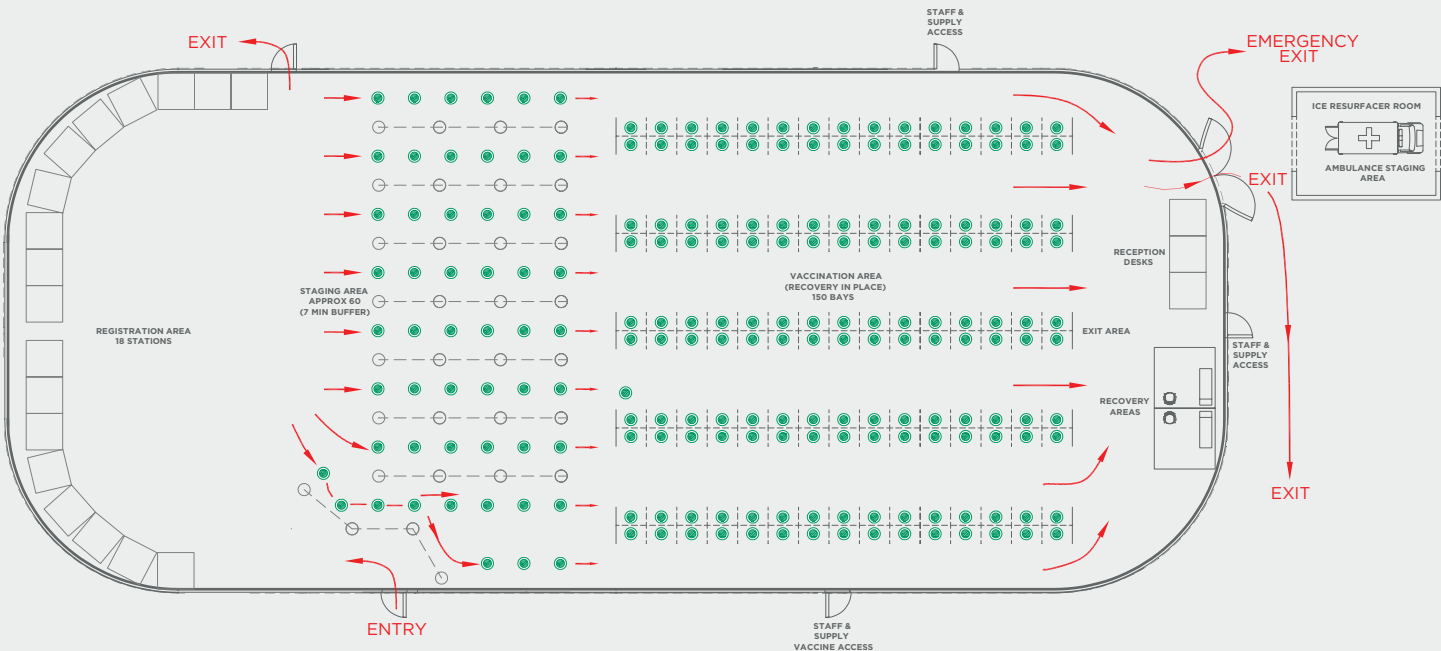
just locally but across Canada,” said Dr. Ian Arra, Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Grey Bruce Health Unit. “Through mobilizing community partners, I have the utmost confidence the hubs will be activated to utilize vaccines promptly, no matter how large the shipments we receive.”

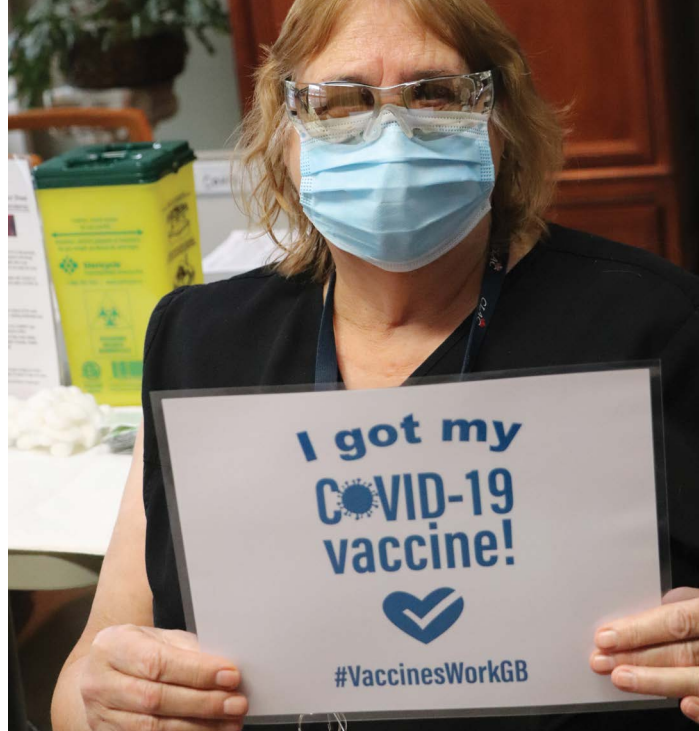
The Hockey Hub has already received the green light from Gen. (Rt.) Rick Hillier, the chair of the Ministers’ COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Task Force for Ontario.

“The Hockey Hub is a professional and well-designed plan that’s caring and considerate for all Ontarians,” Gen. Hillier said. “It’s a great example for rural and small urban centres across Ontario to consider.”

HANOVER’S P&H ICE PAD AS MASS IMMUNIZATION HUB

- Capacity to immunize 4,500 people per day
- A standard rink can house 150 pods
- Clients remain in individual pods for documentation, vaccination and recovery
- One nurse assigned to 30 pods each
- The nurse giving the vaccine would move from pod to pod





Your vaccine questions answered

HOW WILL COVID-19 VACCINES BE ROLLED OUT IN GREY AND BRUCE?

There is a Grey Bruce Vaccine Distribution Plan, which will follow the provincial framework and will ensure those most at risk are first in line to receive the vaccine. This plan includes three models for service delivery: mobile clinics to places like long-term care homes; distribution through settings such as primary care, hospitals and pharmacies; and mass immunization hubs. The public is asked to not call in an attempt to schedule vaccinations. There is no waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine and Public Health will provide updates to the public when more information is available.

ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE?

Yes. Health Canada only approves a vaccine if it is supported by very robust scientific data and evidence. After independent and thorough scientific reviews for safety, efficacy and quality, Health Canada has approved two vaccines for use in Canada:

- Pfizer-BioNTech – approved on Dec. 9, 2020
- Moderna – approved on Dec. 23, 2020

After approval, Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada continue to monitor the ongoing safety and effectiveness of all approved vaccines in Canada.

HOW DO THE PFIZER-BIONTECH AND MODERNA VACCINES PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19?

All vaccines work by presenting our body with something that looks like the infection so that our immune system can learn how to produce natural protection. This natural protection then helps to keep us from becoming sick if we come into contact with the real virus in the future.

Both vaccines use a method called messenger RNA (mRNA). The mRNA is like a code that tells the cells in your body how to make a piece of the outer lining of the virus, for a short time. This piece of the virus cannot hurt you, but it is enough for your immune system to learn how to recognize and be ready to fight off the virus. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

WHAT CAN WE DO WHILE WE WAIT FOR VACCINES TO BECOME WIDELY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

Continue to follow public health measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Now is not the time to let our guard down. Together, we can work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Those who are vaccinated should also continue to practise public health measures, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask and frequent handwashing.

Information provided by Grey Bruce Health Unit.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A 93-year-old resident of Maple View Long-Term Care Residence in Owen Sound was the first Grey County resident to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. • Long-term care staff and residents are vaccinated in the first phase of the vaccine rollout. • Dr. Fedde Veenstra receives COVID-19 vaccination. • Dr. Ian Arra, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit, stands in front of an ultra-low temperature freezer unit, which stores the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. *(Photos courtesy of Grey Bruce Health Unit)*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

GREY BRUCE HEALTH UNIT
1-800-263-3456
www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19

GREY BRUCE HEALTH SERVICES
519-376-2121
www.gbhs.on.ca/covid-19

BRUCE POWER
www.brucepower.com/covid-19

TELEHEALTH ONTARIO
1-866-797-0000

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

Grey • Bruce • Huron STRONG
www.gbhstrong.com and
GBHStrong App

County of Bruce • 519-881-1291
www.brucecounty.on.ca/covid19

County of Grey • 1-800-567-4739
www.grey.ca/covid-19

Find information about resources such as community food programs, housing supports and more.
<https://povertytaskforce.com/covid-19-community-resources/>

Call 211 or visit 211.ca for community resources in your area, including food banks, housing support and mental health support.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION GREY BRUCE
519-371-3642
www.cmhagb.org

CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH
www.camh.ca/covid19

ASSESSMENT CENTRES

Pre-booked appointments are required at all Assessment Centres across the province, and walk-ins are not being accepted.

Assessment Centre Locations

OWEN SOUND - SUN LIFE BUILDING
Location: Sun Life building north of the Owen Sound Hospital
1100 16th Ave. E., Unit C, Owen Sound, N4K 0G4
Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Monday to Friday
Book: <https://gbhs.simplybook.me/v2/>

OWEN SOUND REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Location: 1800 8th St. E., Owen Sound
Portable facility outside entrance to emergency department
Hours of operation: Noon – 8 p.m. / 7 days per week

LION’S HEAD
Location: Grey Bruce Health Services – Lion’s Head Hospital
Park at back of hospital and enter at back door.
Screening staff will be at door.
Hours of Operation: 8 – 11:30 a.m., Wednesday and Friday
Book: <https://gbhslionshead.simplybook.me/v2/>

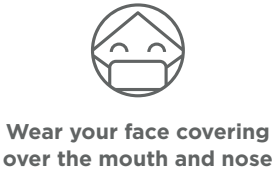
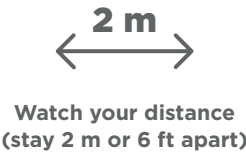
SOUTHAMPTON
Location: Grey Bruce Health Services – Southampton Hospital
Day Surgery Waiting Area
Hours of Operation: 4 – 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Book: <https://gbhssouthampton.simplybook.me/v2/>

WIARTON
Location: Grey Bruce Health Services – Wiarton Hospital
Park in visitor parking lot, enter front doors, stop at screening
Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. – noon
Book: <https://gbhswiarton.simplybook.me/v2/>

KINCARDINE
Location: South Bruce Grey Health Centre – Kincardine Hospital
Portable facility located between hospital and medical clinic
Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday
Book: <https://booking.sbghe.on.ca> or 226-257-1500

HANOVER
Location: Hanover & District Hospital
Main entrance to the hospital
Hours of Operation: Noon – 6 p.m., Monday to Friday
Book: <https://hdh.appointlet.com/s/assessment>

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