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Health Sciences Campus Kitchener vaccination clinic opens

Waterloo Region – Today, the Waterloo Region COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force is announcing that a vaccination clinic is opening at Health Sciences Campus Kitchener, 10 Victoria Street South. This large clinic is opening in partnership with the University of Waterloo and the Centre for Family Medicine. It is one of two new vaccination clinics opening in Waterloo Region today.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the Region of Waterloo to partner with the University of Waterloo and the Centre for Family Medicine to bring another vaccination clinic to Waterloo Region," said Shirley Hilton, Deputy Chief for Waterloo Region Police Service and head of the Waterloo Region Vaccine Distribution Task Force. "This large clinic will make it easier to get more vaccines into more people's arms as quickly as possible."

The Health Sciences Campus Kitchener vaccination clinic is opening with the support of the KW4 Ontario Health Team (representing Kitchener, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich). The Centre for Family Medicine, Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre and Andrew Street Family Health Organization are working together to staff the vaccination clinic.

"I'm humbled by the dedication of many people in putting their hearts and souls into this effort," said Dr. Joe Lee, Chair and Lead Physician for the Centre for Family Medicine. "Patients, receptionists, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, other health professionals, volunteers, administrators, managers and leaders have all stepped up to make this happen."

"I am so proud that the University and our School of Pharmacy are partnering with the Centre for Family Medicine and Region to meet the challenge of vaccinating our community," said Feridun Hamdullahpur, president and vice-chancellor of the University of Waterloo. "I am grateful to the team of Waterloo faculty members, students and employees for their efforts to help our region. The University will continue to find other ways to partner with the region on the rollout of vaccines as our entire community works together to overcome COVID-19."

A vaccination clinic is also opening today at the Centre for Family Medicine, Wellesley Site at 3710 Nafziger Drive, Unit A.

All vaccination clinics in Waterloo region are by appointment only. Residents who belong to one of the eligible priority groups, including the 70+ age group, can pre-register for the vaccine on the Region of Waterloo website: <u>Pre-register for your COVID-19 vaccination</u>

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