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Dear CFFM Patients,

KEY COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES:

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-registration information

High-priority groups can now pre-register for COVID-19 vaccination in Waterloo Region. **Adults 80+, are encouraged to pre-register** to be contacted for a vaccine appointment.

Residents can register in two ways:

1. Online: www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccinePreReg
2. By phone: For those unable to register online please call the Region's Service First Call Centre at 519-575-4400

*Online registration is the fastest way to register. Please be patient as the call centre experiences a high volume of calls.

* PLEASE DO NOT CALL OUR OFFICES TO PRE-REGISTER OR BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT; WE DO NOT BOOK THESE APPOINTMENTS.

2. *New* Health Sciences Campus and Wellesley COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Locations

We are excited to be part of two of the Region's first COVID-19 vaccine clinic sites, located at the Health Sciences Campus in downtown Kitchener and in Wellesley.

For the **Health Sciences Campus site**, the Centre for Family Medicine leads a partnership which includes the Andrew St Family Health Team, Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre, the University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy and McMaster Waterloo Regional Medical Campus. It will be located in the UW Pharmacy School building, 10A Victoria Street South, Kitchener.

For the **Wellesley site**, the Centre for Family Medicine has partnered with the Woolwich Community Health Centre to provide a location for those who live in that area.

We will be staffing this clinic and vaccinations will start on Monday, March 15th. These appointments and all COVID-19 vaccine appointments are booked through the Region of Waterloo system described above and below in this email and not through our offices.

When you book your vaccine appointment through the region's system, please consider choosing one of our sites, called the "Health Sciences Campus" location and "Wellesley" location - we would love to see familiar faces!

How Does the Registration Process Work?

For now, any priority population will register with the Region of Waterloo. If you are 80+, you should pre-register at: www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccinePreReg. You will indicate a method of communication – e.g. email, phone number, SMS messaging – at this time, email and phone appear to be the most efficient options.

Pre-registration will be available soon for age groups under 80 years old, and will go down by increments of 5 years, as well opening for other 'priority groups' (eg. Seniors receiving chronic home care, etc.)

Please watch local media and the Region of Waterloo website listed above for the most up to date list of priority populations.

After you have pre-registered, you will wait to receive an "invitation to register" from the Region, on the Verto booking system through the communication method you indicated (phone, email, etc). ***Do not call our office. We do not book these appointments.*** They must be done through Verto.

When you go through the registration process, you will choose a date and time that works for you, as well as the site you want to have your appointment at. We are two of the first sites, called "Health Sciences Campus" site and "Wellesley" site, along with the Boardwalk in Waterloo and a site in Cambridge. You can book an appointment at any site. Our site is also open for any members of the community.

While we all wait to get the vaccine, please:

Wear a mask, keep your distance, wash your hands.

AND be calm, be safe, be kind.

Sincerely,

Your physicians and health care team at The Centre for Family Medicine