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# Updates on Health Initiatives

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# AGENDA

-  | Pop Up Testing
-  | Safe Voluntary Isolation Sites
-  | Vaccine Caution
-  | Healthcare Workers Alliance



# Pop-up Testing

A pilot project aimed at improving access to testing for specific Kitchener communities.

- Transportation to and from the testing center can be arranged by contacting public health.
- Testing is offered on a walk in basis to neighbourhood residents, those with high risk contact, symptomatic and asymptomatic .
- Health cards are NOT mandatory to be tested.
- Social distancing and mask rules still apply.

## Upcoming Dates

- **Kingsdale Community Center - March 4, 4PM to 7PM**

## Proposed next locations

- Please share your information in the chat to be informed of future locations

# Safe Voluntary Isolation Site

## Eligibility Criteria

Anyone who lives with one or more individuals, who has tested positive or awaiting test results and:

- Lack the ability to safely isolate at home away for the isolation period
- Require a place to self-isolate, for personal safety considerations, such as being isolated in the household (e.g., risk of domestic violence)
- Share a household with, or self-identify as, an individual who is at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease.

Priority will be given to individuals who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This includes:

- Individuals who identify as a visible minority, Black, Indigenous, Metis or Inuit
- Have a before tax income of less than \$50,000
- Their first language is not English or French

Referral Form: <https://portal.healthmyself.net/regionofwaterloo/forms/P68>



### Services provided on site:

- Hotel room, breakfast, lunch and dinner, laundry services, Wi-Fi
- Transportation to and from the site
- Chromebook and TV
- Support from a Public Health site/project coordinator
- Support from a Carizon Family Resource Coordinator
- Translation supports

**The site does not have on-site medical care or supervision.**

## Safe Voluntary Isolation Site



### Hotel Room

Private hotel room



### Meals

Three meals daily, accomodations available



### Ammenities

Laundry services, small fridge & coffee maker



### Technology

Chromebook, Wi-Fi phone & TV



### Transportation

Transportation to and from the site



### Support

Carizon Family Resource Coordinator



# Vaccine Caution

- Many people are rightfully cautious about taking the vaccine due to medical mistrust and medical racism.
- How can we best engage our communities to increase vaccination knowledge and how can public health agencies build trust?

## Utilizing Knowledge Campaigns

- [Teach In: The Colour of COVID19](#)
- [RoW Covid 19 Vaccination Stakeholder Meeting](#)
- [Q&A Information sheet](#)
- [Healthcare Workers' Alliance](#)



# Healthcare Workers Alliance

Building a coalition of Black and non-white racialized leaders who work in Health Care and Community Development sectors to engage in knowledge sharing campaigns with their communities.

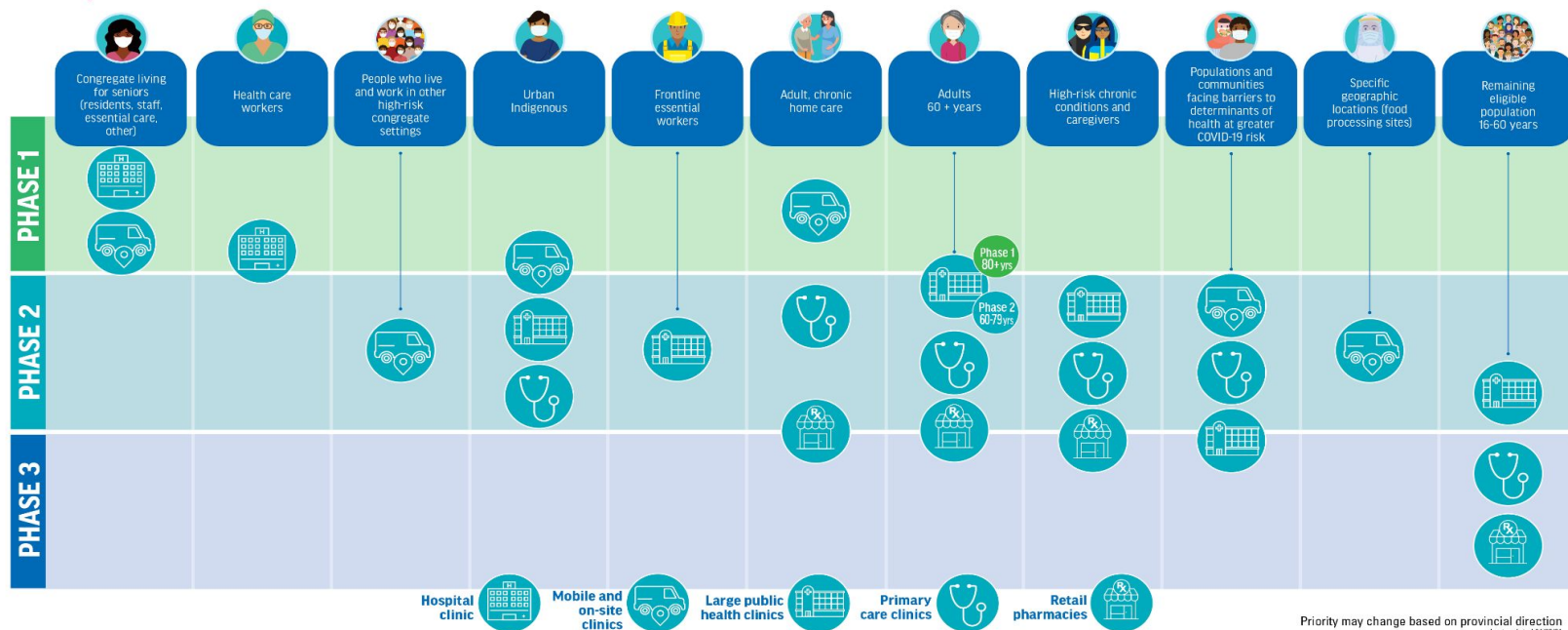
Participating leaders will:

- Host conversations in their communities with hopes of addressing people's understandable concerns about the vaccine.
- Educate individuals and communities about the vaccine
- Use knowledge and information sharing to increase vaccine uptake in racialized communities

# Vaccination Timelines



## Where can I go to get my COVID-19 vaccine?



Priority may change based on provincial direction  
Last updated 24/02/21



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**Questions?**

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**THANK YOU ALL FOR  
LISTENING**