

Memorandum

Date: February 16, 2021

To: Members of Council

From: Heather Savage, Director, Community Services Department

Subject: COVID-19 Test Sites and Mass Vaccination Clinic

The Town of Caledon's Emergency Control Group has been working closely with staff from various Town departments, as well as the Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Region of Peel to implement COVID-19 test sites and mass vaccination clinics in the town.

Test Sites

The first test site opened on Wednesday January 21, 2021 at the Southfields Community Centre. Since that time, Town staff have collaborated with the LHIN to host two additional locations. All test sites are free and operate on a weekly basis:

Mondays	Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Southfields Community Centre	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	Caledon East Community Complex	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mass Vaccination Clinics

Together with the Region of Peel, a mass roll-out of the vaccine is scheduled for March 2021 at the Caledon East Community Complex. March is considered the "Clinic Ready" date and is meant to indicate the time that the facility, equipment, resources, signage and logistics will be complete. This does not indicate the first day of vaccinations, as provincial vaccination supply is a major consideration that will direct the official opening day of the clinic.

The clinic will be open to priority groups, as identified by the Provincial framework and the local priority needs. Additional clinics across Caledon will be considered and may potentially open in the Spring. The objective is to offer other options (i.e. mobile, drive thru, etc.) that will be open, by appointment, to the general population.

The active test site scheduled for Fridays at the Caledon East Community Complex will not operate in tandem with the vaccination clinic. Once the vaccination clinic is operating, the test site will be cancelled or relocated to an alternative site.

Town of Caledon's Responsibilities

The Town has committed to provide dedicated space at community centres at no cost and make additional equipment such as tables and chairs available if needed.

Both the Region of Peel and the LHIN will bring all necessary equipment to the site and administer both services in its entirety.

Community Services staff support the test sites and will support the vaccination clinic by preparing the sites, responding to minor operational matters, clearing snow and assisting with way finding.

Financial Impact

There is no impact to the budget by providing the space. The space has not been rented, due to pandemic-related restrictions, since March of 2020.

If there is an opportunity to open CECC and rent the space, the vaccination clinic will take priority which has a potential budget impact of \$17,643. In order to waive the fees associated the leasing of any Town facility to the Region for pandemic related purposes a resolution of Council is required as staff does not have the delegated authority to waive such fees.

All partners are committed to supporting the rollout of the clinics and continued testing sites as a part of the ongoing response to the pandemic.

Reference material:

[Planning for mass community vaccination - COVID-19 - Region of Peel \(peelregion.ca\)](https://www.peelregion.ca/health/COVID-19/planning-for-mass-community-vaccination/)