



*The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa  
Staff Report*

*Clerk*

Prepared For: Council	Report No.: CC 2021-05
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### Subject

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the general public with an update on the departmental activities and decisions made as a result of the COVID pandemic.


### Summary of the Recommendation

**RESOLVED THAT** the Clerk recommends that Council accept Staff Report No. CC 2021-05, COVID Status Update.

### Background

This report outlines the response and decisions made by the Municipality as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we are all aware, on April 3, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the entire Province of Ontario was placed in an Emergency Brake Shutdown for a minimum of four (4) weeks, and the colour-coded framework was paused. The Municipality immediately issued public notice of the office closure and cancellation of programs and services.

On April 7, 2021 the Province declared a third provincial emergency under Section 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. These measures were being taken in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity, and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants. Effective April 8, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the

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government issued a provincewide Stay-at-Home Order requiring everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely. Due to the Stay-At-Home Order, a number of staff continue to work physically in the office, while a small number of staff work remotely from home, with ability to come into the office. The Stay at Home order will be lifted soon – which we anticipate to occur on June 2, 2021, and then all staff will return to their work areas.

### Updated Vaccinations

Algoma Public Health (APH) continues to distribute vaccines throughout the Algoma District. The municipality receives weekly updates from APH on its roll-out plan, including age groups of those eligible to book appointments to receive the vaccine.

Below is a snippet of the number of vaccines administered by APH.

Last Updated: 11:40 AM, May 27, 2021

#### Doses administered to Algoma residents

Total doses administered	57,911
# of people who received their first dose only	45,917
# of people who are fully vaccinated	5,997
# of people who have received at least 1 dose	51,914

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#### Population coverage

% of population that has received at least one dose	45.4%
% of eligible population (12+) that have received at least one dose	51.1%
% of eligible population (12+) that are fully vaccinated (received two doses)	5.9%
% of youth population (12-17) that have received at least one dose	2.9%
% of adult population (18+) that have received at least one dose	54.5%

Note: based on 2020 projected population

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## **Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) Meetings**

The Municipal Emergency Control Group continues to meet on a regular basis (bi-weekly) to address departmental responsibilities, requirements and proactive measures that have taken place in response to COVID-19. The last meeting of the MECG was held on May 28, 2021. To date, the MECG has met thirty-three times (12 times in 2021; 11 times in 2020) to receive updates and information related to appropriate actions in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## **Communications to Date**

The Municipality continues to share the messaging provided by Algoma Public Health to the public thereby ensuring we continue to be transparent and timely with the communication throughout the pandemic. A number of news items, and social media posts have been distributed to the public regarding operational decisions or temporary changes to the municipal operation.

Committee Meetings and Council meetings continue to be held through Zoom Video Conferencing and livestreamed through the Municipality of Wawa You-Tube Channel. These meetings are available for public viewing at any time.

## **Building Department**

The Building department continues to process building permits and answer inquires from the public. Residents are encouraged to continue to submit or apply for permits via email to the Chief Building Official.

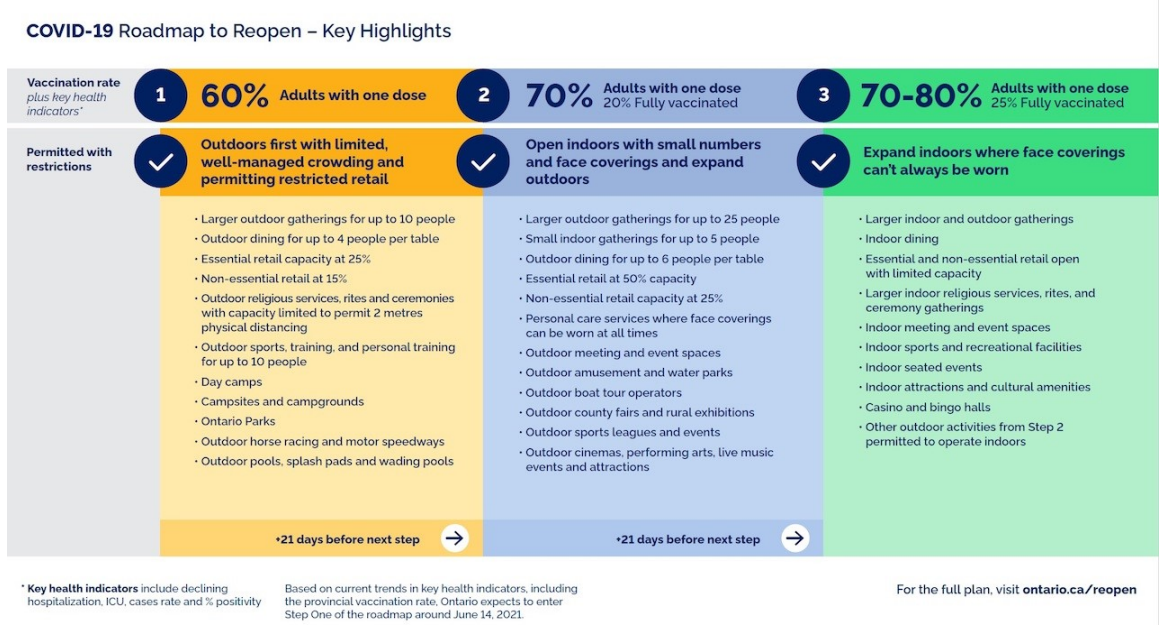
## **CAO and Clerk's Department**

Staff continue to update the municipal website to keep the public informed of municipal activities. The Municipality continues to encourage residents to remain diligent, keep masking, and limit close contact to their immediate household.

Staff are now investigating its options to resume in-person Council meetings commencing on June 15, 2021. It's proposed that Council members, Clerk and CAO attend in-person for Step 1 and then

Management Staff be included for Step 2. Shields will be required for the Council members and Staff throughout the various steps. Meetings may open to the public in the Fall of 2021.

Below is a brief outline of the Three-Step Roadmap for opening the Province.



**Financial Impacts**

Staff continue to review the financial implications regarding the continued impact of COVID-19 has had on the Municipality. COVID-19 financial impact reports may be provided to Council as determined by the Treasurer.

**List of Stakeholders**

Council and Municipality of Wawa  
Residents of the Municipality of Wawa

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that Council accept the staff report and decisions made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.