



ADDENDUM
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION

Joseph Martino, Chair

Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 25, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy

External Members:

George Wedge, Chair – In Person
Melanie Battaglia, Vice Chair
Geoffrey Feldman
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Lisa McMahon
Tyler Munro
Deborah Nightingale

Staff:

D. Koenig
M. Meehan
V. Cocco
S. Flood
M. Gendron
R. Macchia
J. Mirabella
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to reorder Item 16a) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group after Item 9b) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

7. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2021 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Annual Calendar Items

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

- 9a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of February 17, 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Items 9b) and 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information** received and referred to Staff; and

- 16. Matters Referred /Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**

- 16a) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group** received and referred to Staff.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Crawford that Category a) *Roles and Responsibilities*, Pages 12-16 of 96, be deferred to the March 24, 2021 SEAC Meeting.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken, the Main Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

11. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Page and the following Items were held:

- 12a) Selection of New Member to replace Lori Mastrogiuseppe on the Special Education Plan Informal Working Group – Held by Trustee Crawford;
- 13a) Special Education Superintendent Update – February 2021 – Held by Trustee Kennedy; and
- 13b) Accountability Framework for Special Services - Report Back 2019-2020 – Held by Deborah Nightingale

12. Nominations

Lisa McMahon nominated herself to the Informal Working Group

Geoffrey Feldman nominated himself to the Informal Working Group.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Selection of New Member to replace Lori Mastrogiuseppe on the Special Education Plan Informal Working Group** that Lisa McMahon and Geoffrey Feldman be accepted into the Informal Working Group.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

- 13) Reports of Officials for Information by the Board/Other Committees**

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) Special Education Superintendent Update – February 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) Accountability Framework for Special Services - Report Back 2019-2020** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

20) Pending List

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 20a) be adopted as follows:

20a) Pending List as at February 17, 2021 received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR

Response to COVID-19: March 2021 Update

Presentation to the Board of Health

March 22, 2021



We have surpassed 106,000 cases in Toronto

SUMMARY OF COVID-19 CASES IN TORONTO



All Cases

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| Case Count* | 106,463 |
| Recovered Cases | 98,574 |
| City Incidence Rate per 100,000 People | 3,898 |
| Fatal Cases | 2,759 |
| Ever Hospitalized | 6,457 |
| Ever in ICU | 1,159 |



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| Currently Hospitalized | 258 |
| Currently in ICU | 51 |

As of March 21, 2021



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| CASES IN THE COMMUNITY | 84% |
| Recovered Cases | 83,502 |
| Median Age At Time of Illness | 37 |
| Percent Female | 48% |
| Percent Male | 51% |
| Fatal Cases | 919 |
| Median Age of Deaths | 79 |
| OB ASSOCIATED CASES** | 16% |
| Recovered Cases | 15,072 |
| Median Age At Time of Illness | 57 |
| Percent Female | 59% |
| Percent Male | 39% |
| Fatal Cases | 1,840 |
| Median Age of Deaths | 88 |

*Includes confirmed and probable cases

**Outbreak associated cases include persons with COVID-19 within a defined group or setting. These are generally in healthcare (e.g., long-term care homes, hospitals) and residential or congregate settings (e.g., homeless shelters, group homes), but can also be in workplaces and other settings

†Gender was unknown or other for some cases

Monitoring dashboard indicators are concerning

Virus Spread and Containment

Status: YELLOW - Indicators need attention

New COVID-19 cases, 7 day moving average¹

432

Goal: A 14-day decline* OR a stable trend with less than an average of 1 case per 100,000 per day (30 cases).

New Hospitalizations, 7 day moving average¹

13.4

Goal: A 14-day decline OR a stable trend with less than an average of 2 hospitalizations per million population per day (6 hospitalizations).

Active daily COVID-19 outbreaks in institutions¹

19

Goal: A 14-day decline* OR a stable trend AND below 10% of healthcare institutions with an active outbreak (18 facilities).

Effective Reproductive Number for COVID-19 Cases²

$R_t = 1.08$

(90% CI 0.89 to 1.29)

Hover over number for data note
Goal: Under 1.0

Health System Capacity

Status: GREEN - Indicators at goal

ICU bed occupancy rate⁴

82%

Goal: <90% occupancy

ICU-ventilator bed occupancy rate⁴

49%

Goal: <60% occupancy

Acute bed occupancy rate⁴

91%

Goal: <90% occupancy

Notes: 1)Data as of: March 18, 2021 2) R_t calculated by date of infection using confirmed cases data from August 1, 2020 to March 14, 2021, 3)Data as of: Week ending March 13, 2021 4)Data as of March 17, 2021 5)Data as of March 14, 2021

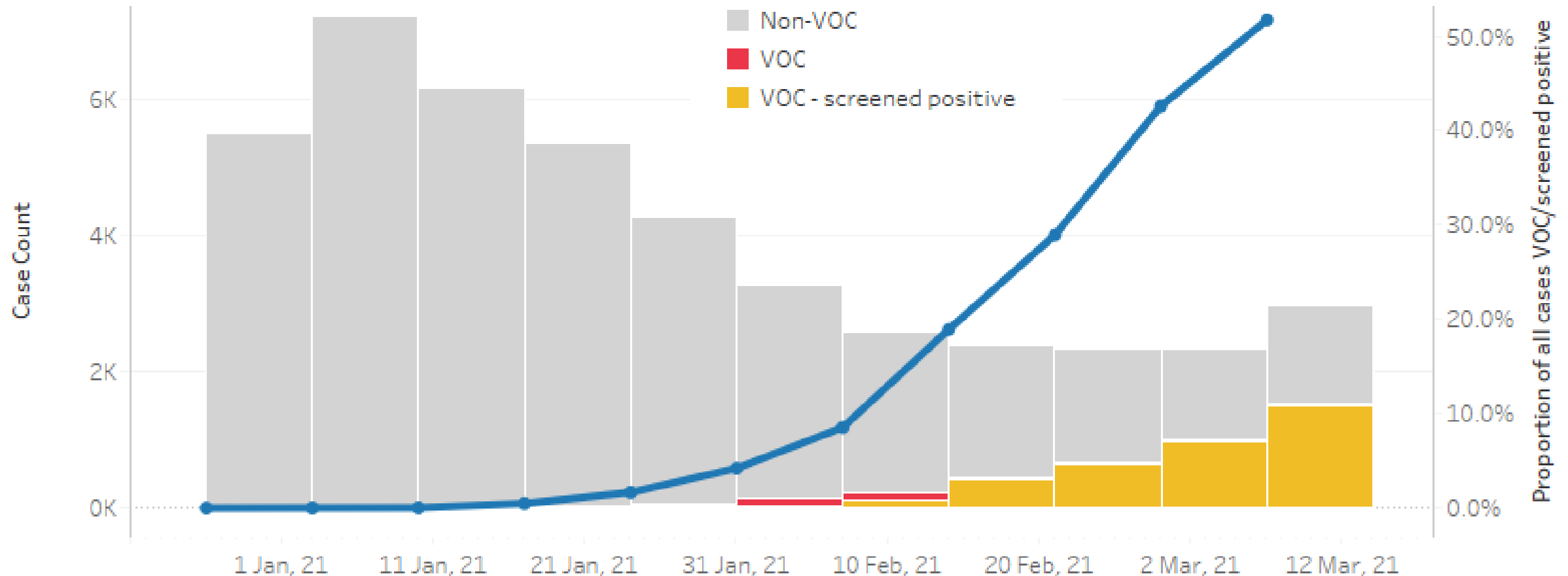
What is a variant of concern (VOC)?

- A VOC is a mutation of the SARS-CoV-2 genome that results in easier spread between people, more severe illness or reduced efficacy of vaccines.
- VOCs have been identified in Toronto, including B1.1.7, B.1.351 and P.1

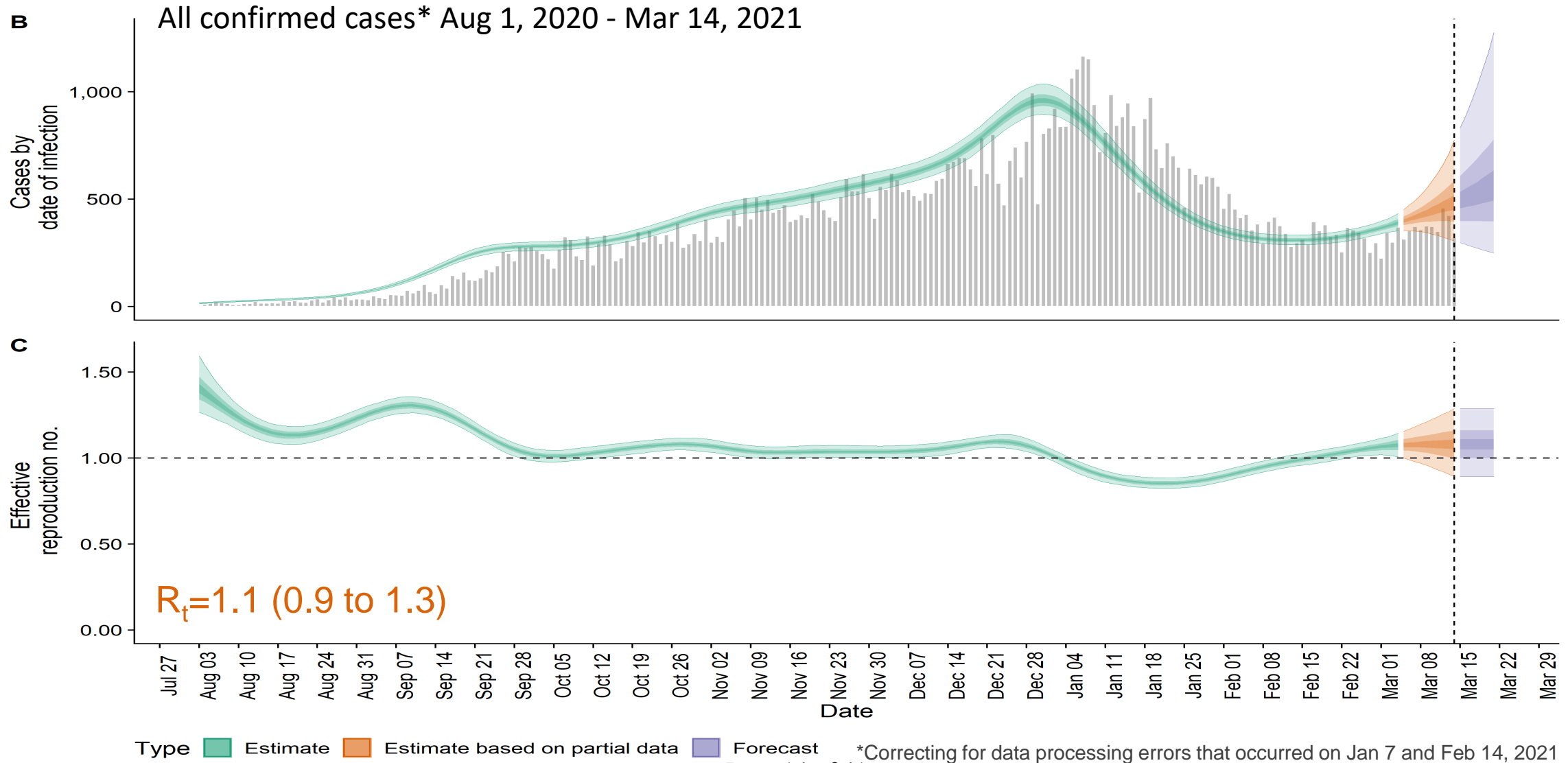
- Variants of concern are appearing in settings across Toronto and increasing as a proportion of confirmed cases.
- Identified in long-term care homes, hospitals, schools, shelters and workplaces.
- B1.1.7 will likely drive the resurgence.
- Compared to long-term care, in all other congregate settings we are seeing the number of cases can build quickly – increased diligence is required.
- We are only as strong as the strongest measures for the most vulnerable.

Half of Toronto's cases are now VOCs

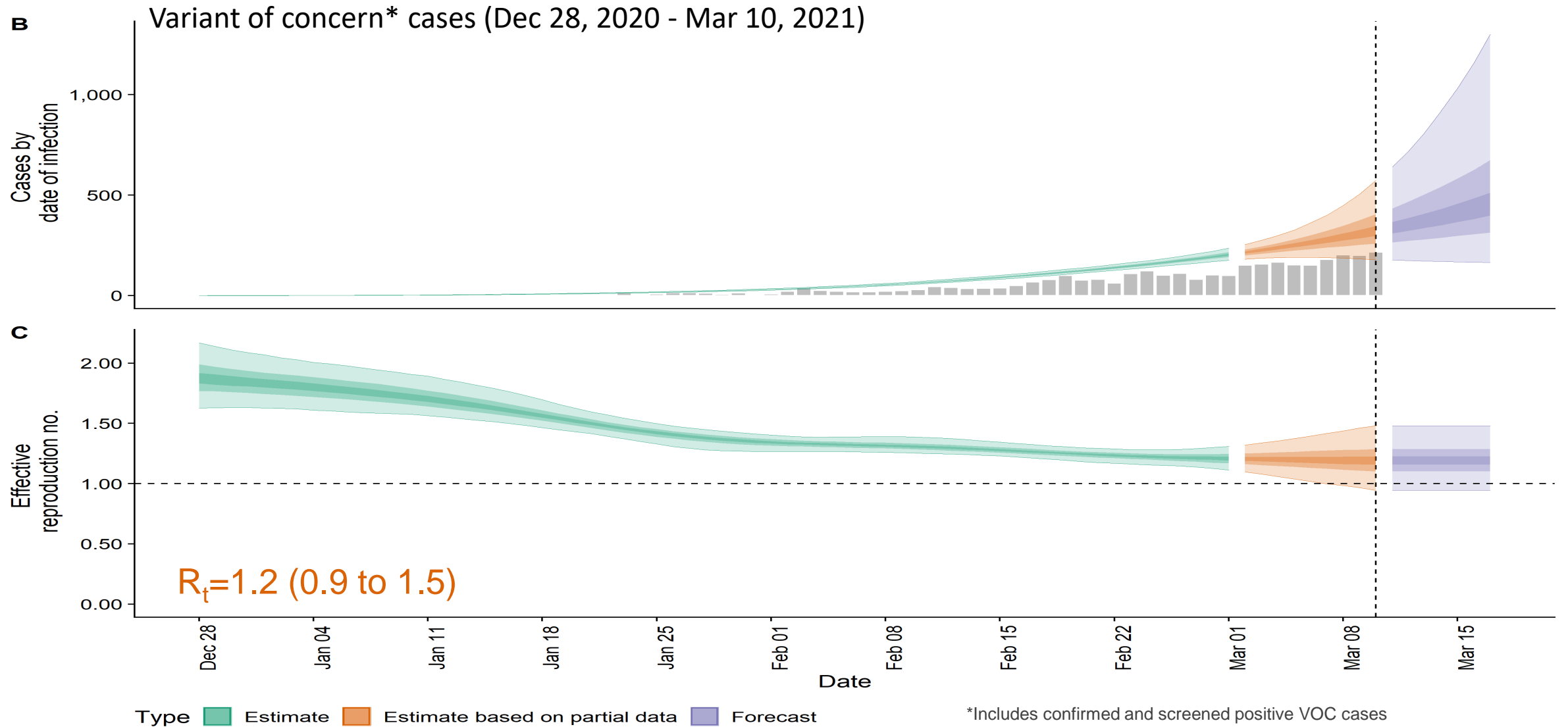
Proportion of cases that are VOC and screened positive by reported week. Week of December 27, 2020 to week of March 7, 2021



Effective reproductive number (R_t) remains above one



Effective reproductive number (R_t) for VOCs suggests rapid growth



This resurgence is different than last year's

Vaccinations

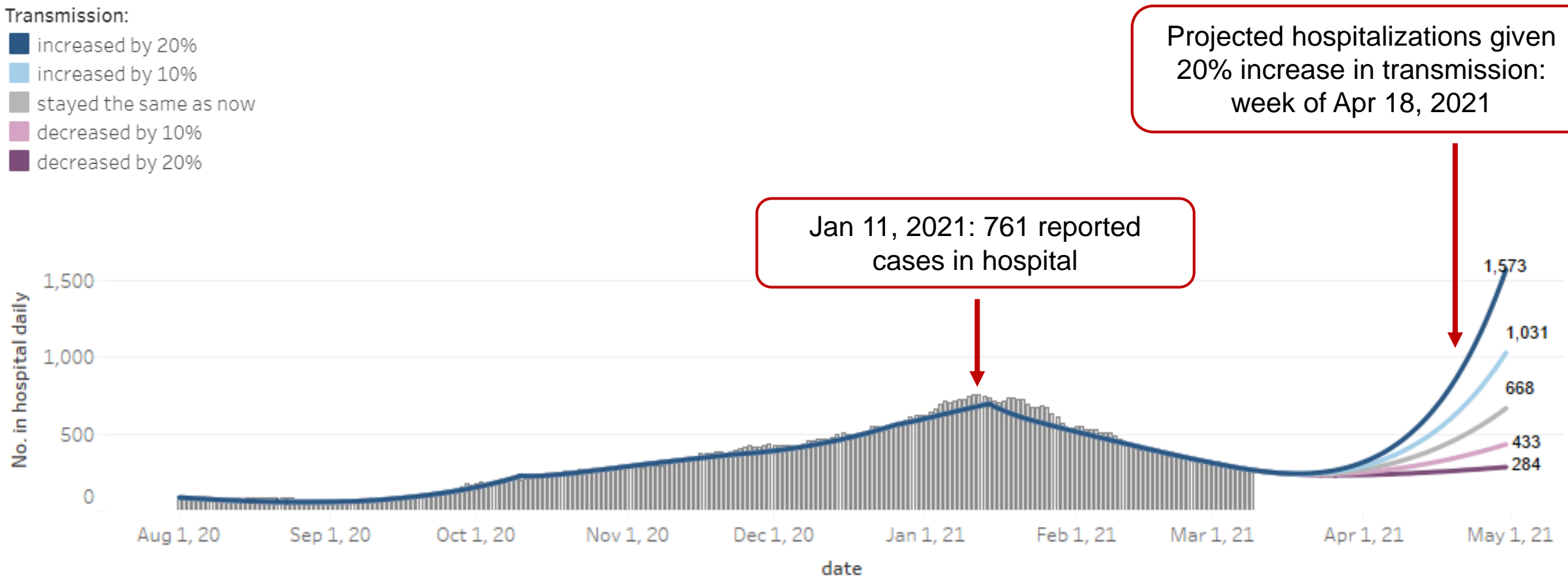
VOCs over
50%

Weather:
entering
springtime

Similar hospitalization numbers to January peak could be seen by the second week of April

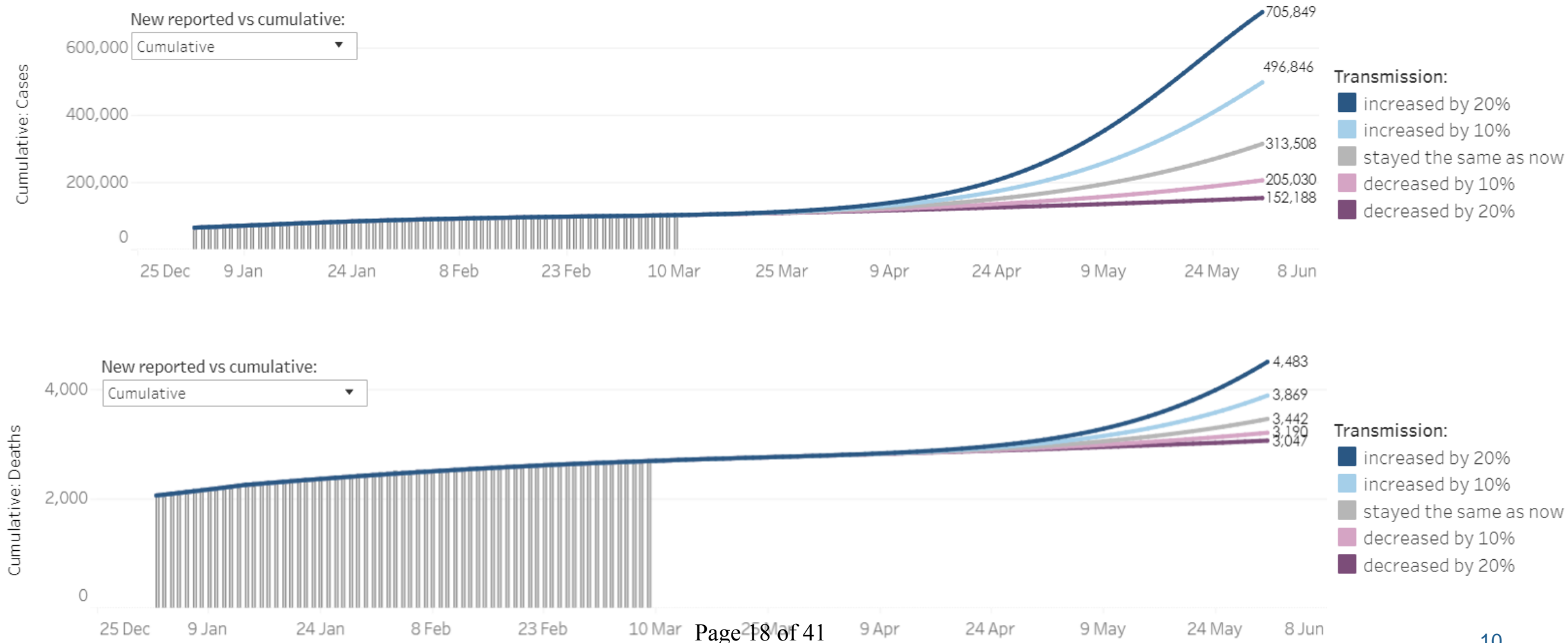
Transmission:

- increased by 20%
- increased by 10%
- stayed the same as now
- decreased by 10%
- decreased by 20%



Increased transmissibility of VOCs leads to exponential growth in cumulative number of cases and deaths

Compartmental SEIR model by Zhu et al., Centre for Disease Modeling, York University



Continue to respond, prepare to contain, and quickly vaccinate those likely to be seriously ill

Key points:

- Resurgence is here and will look different.
- Vaccination alone will not be enough to stop resurgence.
- We can expect many more cases and potentially significant stress on health system capacity.
- Vaccination should be directed to those at the highest risk of severe illness.

Implications to the public health response:

- Containment strategy
- Public health measures
- Strategic vaccination efforts

Toronto Public Health continues to plan for increased vaccine rollout

Provincial announcements – Friday March 19

- As of Monday March 22
 - 75+ can begin booking vaccine appointments
 - 60+ can begin booking at participating pharmacy and primary care providers
- Expanding pharmacy locations across the province:
 - 350 new locations to be added in the next two weeks
 - Aiming for a total of 1,500 locations by the end of April

Accelerating planning for Phase 2:

- Additional age categories - 5 year age bands
- Congregate care settings (corrections, supportive housing, developmental services etc.)
- Those with high risk medical conditions (transplant patients, obesity, disability, diabetes etc.)
- Hot spot strategy that includes mobile teams to focus on seniors in highly impacted neighbourhoods particularly in vertical communities

- Vaccines must pass many safety tests before they are considered safe for people.
- Health Canada only authorizes vaccines when there is sufficient scientific and clinical evidence that they are safe, effective, and are manufactured to the highest quality standard.
- All four vaccines work well at preventing serious illness requiring hospitalization and at preventing serious illness resulting in death.

Government of Canada

- Responsible for obtaining the supply of COVID-19 vaccines
- Vaccines are approved by Health Canada once they are proven to be safe and effective

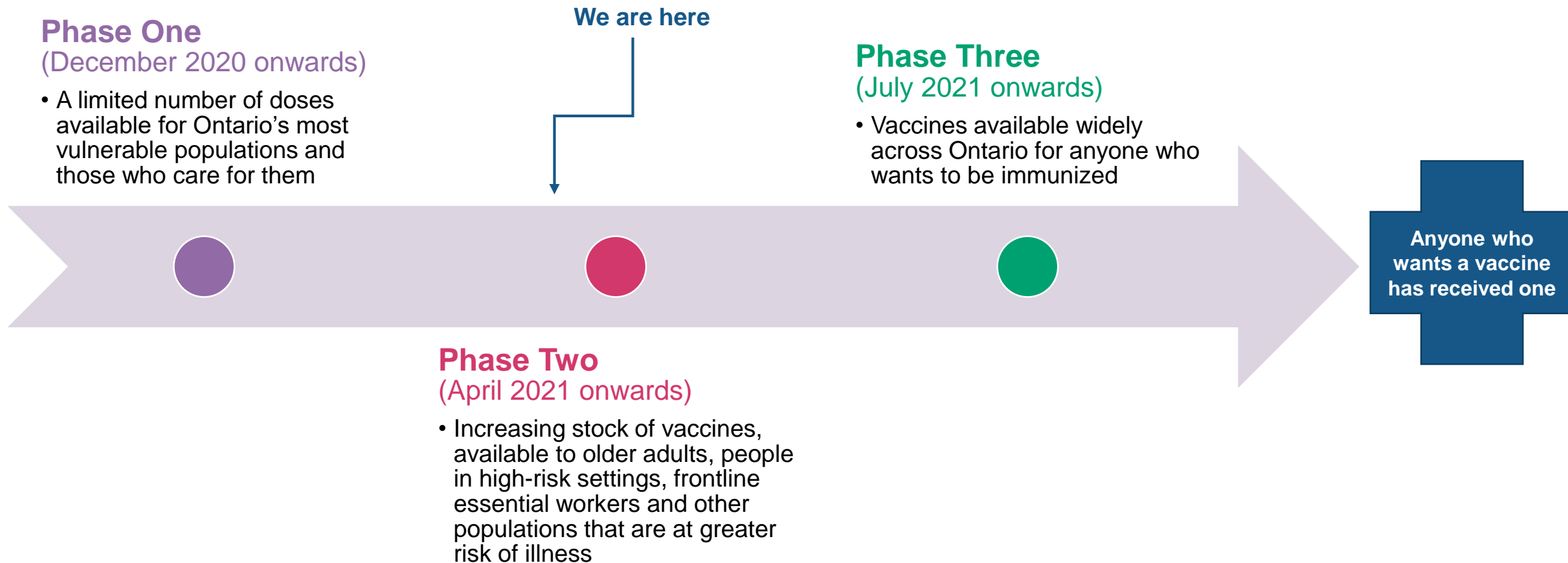
Government of Ontario

- Responsible for distributing vaccines
- Identifies priority groups for vaccination

City of Toronto

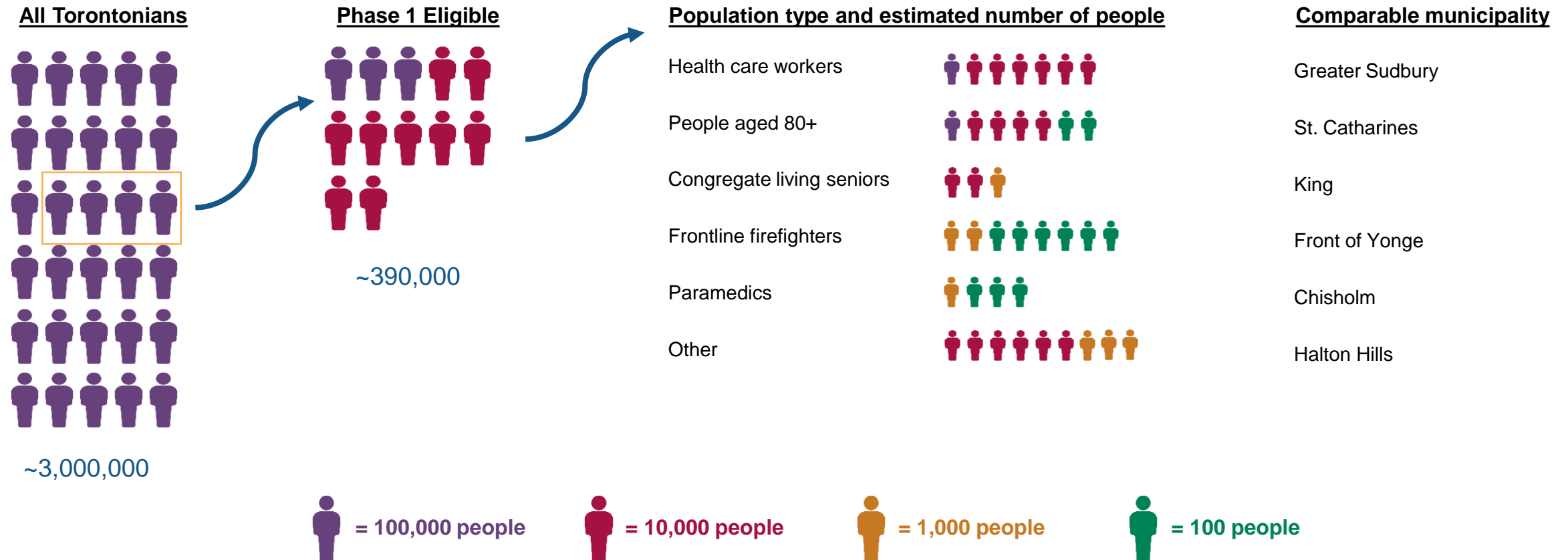
- Administers the vaccine in accordance with provincial prioritization framework

Status of vaccine rollout



Toronto's Phase One

Note: numbers are approximate, for illustrative purposes only



Mass immunization clinics

Three clinics opened on March 17

Metro Toronto
Convention Centre
(255 Front Street
West)
Scarborough Town
Centre (300 Borough
Drive)
Toronto Congress
Centre (650 Dixon
Road)

Five clinics will be open on March 29

Malvern Community
Recreation Centre,
30 Sewells Road
Mitchell Field
Community Centre,
89 Church Avenue

Six clinics will be open on April 8

The Hangar, 75 Carl
Hall Road.

All nine clinics open TBD

Three remaining
clinics continue to
prepare to open.
Awaiting direction
from the Province
and available vaccine
supply.

Mass immunization clinic locations

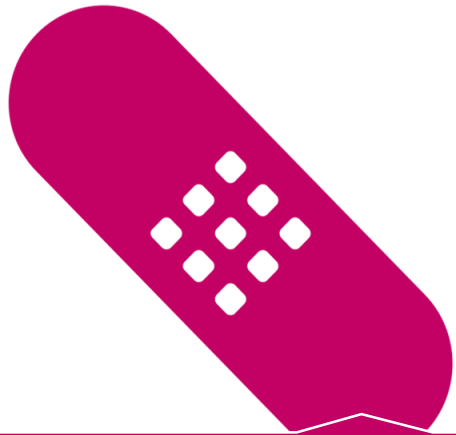


- North Toronto Memorial Community Centre (200 Eglinton Avenue West)
- Mitchell Field Community Centre (89 Church Avenue)
- The Hangar (75 Carl Hall Road)
- Metro Toronto Convention Centre (255 Front Street West)
- Scarborough Town Centre (300 Borough Drive)
- Carmine Stefano Community Centre (3100 Weston Road)
- Toronto Congress Centre (650 Dixon Road)
- Malvern Community Recreation Centre (30 Sewells Road)
- Cloverdale Mall (250 The East Mall)

Interactive map available online:

toronto.ca/covid19vaccinemap

Ways to get vaccinated



Mass Immunization
Clinics



Hospitals / Ontario
Health Team
Immunization Clinics



Pharmacies and Primary
Care Providers

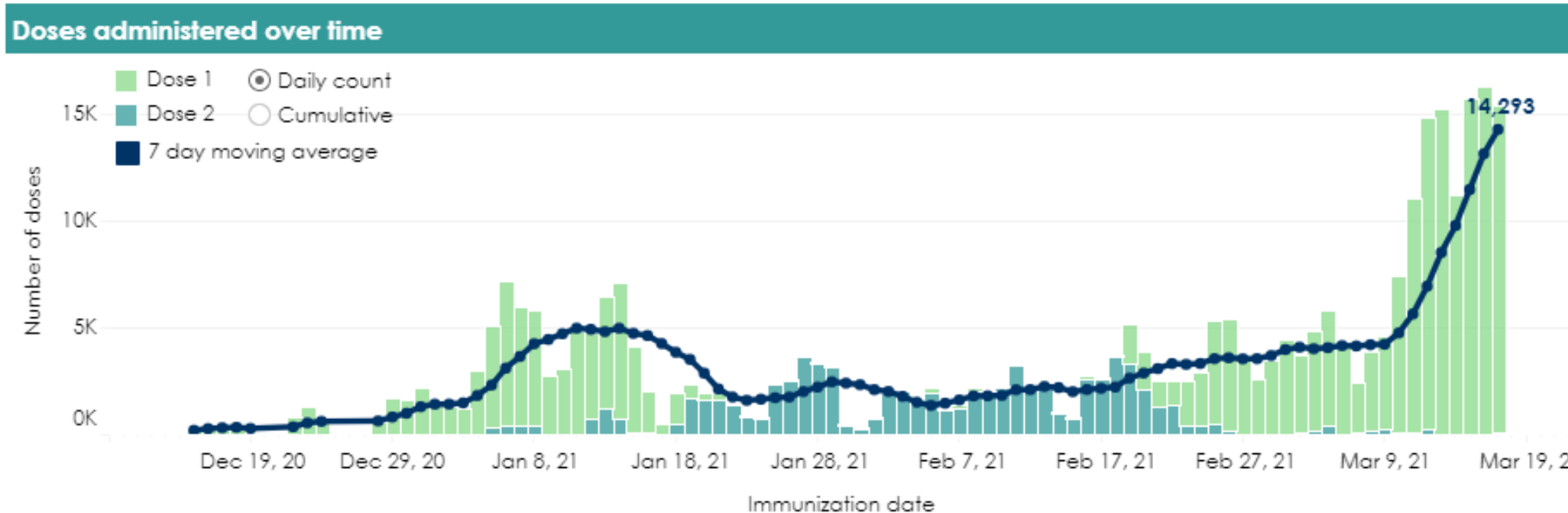


Mobile Teams

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Toronto residents and non-residents vaccinated in Toronto

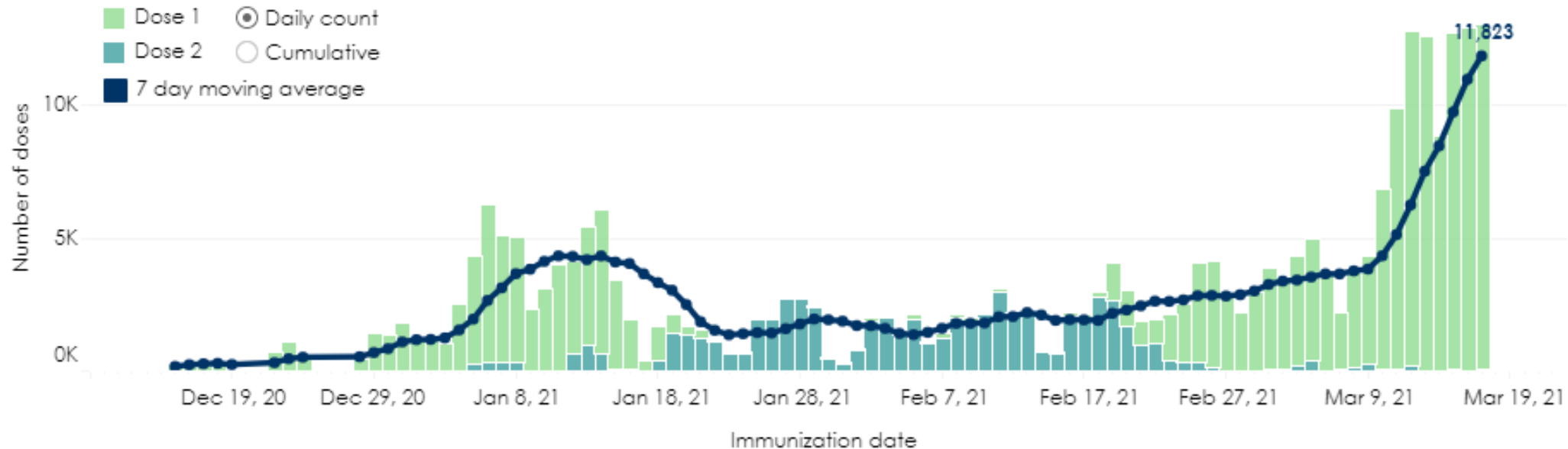
| Total doses administered (includes first and second dose) | Number of people who have received at least one dose | Number of people who have completed vaccination | Share of population that has at least one dose <small>*Filters do not apply to this</small> | Doses administered in the past 7 days (Mar 11 to Mar 17, 2021) |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| 322,466 +55,685 <small>newly reported since Mar 15</small> | 247,922 +55,402 <small>newly reported since Mar 15</small> | 74,544 +283 <small>newly reported since Mar 15</small> | 6.9% <small>(2.1% have completed vaccination)</small> | 100,053 |



Toronto residents vaccinated



Doses administered over time



Thank you

Toronto Public Health
City of Toronto

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toronto.ca/COVID19

Dr. Eileen de Villa
Medical Officer of Health



Board of Health Update: Community Engagement & Mobilization Plan

March 22, 2021



City & Community Collaboration

City of Toronto Community Engagement and Mobilization Plan is intentional and comprehensive.

- Community-based agencies and grassroots groups play critical role in community engagement and mobilization for Phases II and III of provincial vaccine rollout
- Robust collaboration with City and community through active partnerships with trusted community agencies, sector umbrella organizations and grassroots groups
- Builds on current COVID-19 Targeted Equity Action Plan and enhances City's equity measures to support Torontonians disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- Overlaying of a place, population and knowledge based approach to ensure every resident in every corner of Toronto can access COVID-19 vaccine
- Cross divisional City collaboration between SDFA, TPH, SSHA and Strategic Communications

Targeted Equity Approach



Targeted Universalism – target efforts for populations and communities most impacted with least access, in order to achieve the universal goal

High Level Timelines



Community Engagement & Resident Mobilization Readiness for Phases II & III of provincial vaccine rollout (across Toronto Council Districts)

Finalize Engagement Framework Feb-March '21

1. Seek input from community sector
2. Finalize engagement framework
3. Launch funding Call for Proposals
4. Begin vaccine confidence building campaigns
5. Pivot engagement & mobilization supports as needed

Secure Community Partners April '21

1. Finalize Engagement Partner organizations
2. Provide training and co-develop engagement strategy with behavioural scientists & communication professionals
3. Amplify collaborative process

IMPLEMENTATION April '21 Onward

1. Engage & Mobilize & Amplify
2. 140 community organizations
3. 280 Resident Ambassadors
4. Targeted city-wide communications campaigns
5. Continuous training & evaluation

Status Update – Funding

- City released a Call for Proposals for \$5.5 million funding to Toronto's community services sector to collaborate on vaccination efforts across **140 Toronto neighbourhoods** and recruitment and training of **280 community ambassadors**
- Additional \$1 million for Indigenous agencies and groups to self-determine their approach to community engagement and mobilization
- Grant program:
 - Prioritizes targeted equity engagement and mobilization actions
 - Specific geographic areas & connected to the existing Community Cluster infrastructure
 - Ensures common vaccine messages aligns to provincial and federal messages, timing and direction
 - Uses evidence-based research to guide strategy, messaging and training to increase access to vaccination
 - Agile and allows for responsiveness and quick pivots as required

Status Update – Funding

Grant program designed to fund:

- **Consortiums** of community organizations, grass-roots groups, resident-led groups and faith-based organizations/groups from April 2021 to March 2022
- One organization in the consortium (“Vaccine Engagement Lead”) acts as the administrative partner
- Up to \$500,000 per Vaccine Engagement Lead organization

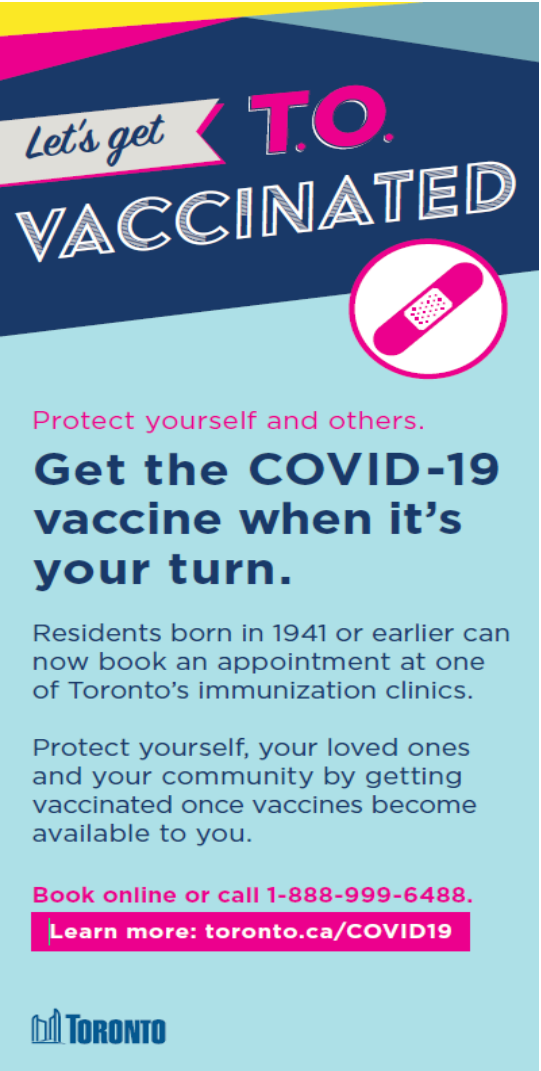
Timelines:

- Expressions of Interest released on Mar 10th
- Submission due on March 29
- Funded agencies/groups announcement on April 6th
- Collaborative process begins on April 12th


Status Updates - Population

Seniors

- Building **vaccine confidence** through information sessions to senior-serving sector leaders and staff; and, City healthcare workers and frontline staff serving seniors
- Free and assisted **transportation** to and from vaccine sites (Mass Immunization Centres and Hospitals)
- Funding supports to senior-serving organizations to ramp up staff capacity for **outreach and supports** with vaccine appointments and transportation
- Targeted outreach through TPL to provide **information** to vaccine access
- Various communications **promos** to reach seniors – ethnic groups, faith communities, multiple languages, etc.



Let's get **T.O.**
VACCINATED




Protect yourself and others.
Get the COVID-19 vaccine when it's your turn.

Residents born in 1941 or earlier can now book an appointment at one of Toronto's immunization clinics.

Protect yourself, your loved ones and your community by getting vaccinated once vaccines become available to you.

Book online or call 1-888-999-6488.
Learn more: toronto.ca/COVID19



Toronto

Status Updates - Population

Indigenous

- Indigenous agencies and grassroots groups will be funded to self-determine their approach to community engagement and vaccine mobilization in their communities
- Partnering with Auduhze Mino Nesewiong, Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto and NaMeRes through emergency funding supports for testing and contact tracing

South Asian

- Advisory meetings with South Asian physicians, community groups, faith leaders to help tailor City's Strategic Communication efforts
- Partnership with CASSA for collaborative efforts with South Asian organizations to amplify messaging and reduce vaccine hesitancy
- Town Halls under way helping to achieve a 20% reduction in COVID positive rates

Black Community

- In partnership with TAIBU Community Health Centre, City launched Black Scientists' Taskforce on Vaccine Equity
- 5 virtual town hall meetings on COVID-19 & various vaccines = 1,500+ people since Feb
- 16% positive change from vaccine hesitancy now "yes to vaccine"
- Additional town halls planned for City staff on frontline services

Status Updates - Population

Disability

- Creating a Task Force on Disability
- Co-host town halls for people with disabilities
- Developing training for caregivers for people with developmental disabilities
- Information session for care givers of seniors and people with disability

Homeless

- Accelerating Resident Ambassador training for SSHA peer workers by augmenting base training with TPH and SSHA training modules

Undocumented

- Working with sector organizations to develop a plan for ensuring all Torontonians without status access vaccines safely, and co-develop messaging and communications strategies

City & Community Collaboration



THANK YOU!

Questions?