



Children and Family Services Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

Location: Zoom
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Agenda & Notes

Agenda Item	Notes
Emergency Child Care (ECC)	No updates.
Child Welfare	No updates.
School/ Learning	<p>Both English school boards are continuing to help students transition back to face-to-face learning. March break has been moved to the week of April 12th and school boards are hopeful the April dates are firm.</p> <p>Some students who have been enrolled this year as on-line learners are opting back into in-person learning. School Boards will be welcoming these students back into the classroom on March 4th. The pushed back March break works well to give these students a chance to get to know their new teacher.</p> <p>School boards are working on mitigation plans regarding the new protocols requiring those with 'single symptom' to not attend, and concerns related to teacher shortages.</p>
Safe Isolation Site (SIS)	No updates.
Vaccination Roll Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Stakeholder Information session (partners can circulate as they see fit within their organization) [LINK]• Pop-up testing sites (partners can circulate as they see fit) [LINK]



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	<p>Guest Fauzia Baig attended. Goal of the Community Engagement & Outreach WG is to engage community leaders to inform, plan, and design vaccine communication and distribution plans. Fauzia provided breakdown of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force, which includes several additional Working Groups.</p> <p>In response to a question, Fauzia noted that currently only the Pfizer vaccine is available in Waterloo Region. In answer to another question, Fauzia confirmed that at this point in time, the “adult” designation in terms of vaccination eligibility refers to community members aged 16 and up. The reasoning for this is that the vaccine trials were in people over the age of 16 (Pfizer) or 18 (Moderna). There are trials currently underway on kids aged 12-18 and will soon start trials in kids aged 6 and up. Children may need a different dose than adults as they have stronger immune systems so we need trials to know the best way to vaccinate them.</p> <p>ACTION: Please make use of the communication toolkit, which has options for several different modes for distributing the vaccine roll out messaging. Partners can distribute the information in the best way they see fit for the community members they work with. School board members to follow up with respective staff dedicated to working with Public Health.</p>
Member Updates/ Other	<p>211 Info session will be on March 2, 2021 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. This is a webinar to learn more about how 211 can help your organization connect with those who may need your services. To register, please click here.</p> <p>New member: Jen Shows, Manager of Service Resolutions / Coordinated Service Planning / FASD Coordination at Sunbeam Developmental Resource Centre, will stepping in for Tracy Erb.</p>
Next Steps	<p>Next meeting: March 4, 12pm to 1pm</p>