



# Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

**Location:** Zoom  
**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00pm to 1:00pm

## Agenda & Notes

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<b>Education</b>	<p>For all school boards, it is unclear if students will be returning to in-person learning after the April “March Break”.</p> <p><b>WRDSB:</b></p> <p>No drastic changes since last meeting. In response to lockdown, are currently sending devices home with students to facilitate online learning if need be. Will be continuing to do so throughout all of next week, leading up to April break.</p> <p>Have already received funding for summer programming, and receiving it several months in advance will enable more planning for reaching out to specific groups (i.e. ESL students and families) and to work with partners around this Working Group table. Have also received funding for better resources surrounding transitions for complex learning students.</p> <p><b>WCDBS:</b></p> <p>Suicide Prevention Council put out an <a href="#">April Break Well-Being Passport</a>, which outlines some activities that parents can promote with their children to promote wellness. Survey re: online vs. in-person learning has closed. The number of students requesting online learning is much lower and comprised mostly of elementary school students.</p> <p><b>MonAvenir:</b></p> <p>Currently preparing parents and schools for the possibility of not coming back after the break by providing messaging and sending students home with devices as needed. Results of survey re: who would like to pursue online learning will become available in near future.</p>



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	<p>Question raised if there is limitations on available programming during the April break due to the lockdown. Answer given that this is very much dependent on the exact restrictions that will be imposed by the lockdown.</p>
<p><b>Vaccination Roll Out</b></p>	<p>Link: <a href="#">Phase 2 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance Document</a></p> <p>Continue to move along Phase 2 prioritization list. Now taking pre-registrations from 60 to 69-year-olds. All other priority groups can continue to register for vaccination (i.e. an 80-year-old who missed the initial window.)</p> <p>It is still yet to be determined when Phase 2 will be starting, though pre-registration is available for some Phase 2 priority groups. In response to question, it was clarified that educators would fall under the priority group of “cannot work from home”, however there is no given timeline on when this would happen.</p> <p>It was noted that there may be some changes to vaccination guidance after the lockdown announcement being given this afternoon. As well, all of the vaccination timelines and prioritization is dependent on vaccine availability.</p> <p>In answer to a question, noted that there’s no information available in response to the announcement that 12 to 15-year-old trials have gone well.</p>
<p><b>Summer Programming</b></p>	<p><b>Kinbridge</b> &gt; Will do outdoor camps with limited numbers. No fieldtrips, so fees have gone down. Have completed the majority of their hiring – have had a lot of applications for a limited number of spaces, signifying that youth are looking for work.</p> <p><b>City of Waterloo</b> &gt; 65% spots were full as of earlier this week. Held meeting to discuss hiring and camp practices that support inclusion of diverse youth.</p> <p><b>Wilmot Family Resource Centre</b> &gt; 9 week of summer programming, with spots filling up quickly.</p> <p><b>YMCA</b> &gt; Looking at running licensed full-day programs for school-age children. Day camps and overnight camps are being planned (taking on registrations), but have not yet received approval for either camp. Camps will be running at decreased capacity but increased locations.</p>
<p><b>Safe Isolation Hotel</b></p>	<p>Continuing to support. Have moved to self-referral via email (<a href="mailto:safeisolation@regionofwaterloo.ca">safeisolation@regionofwaterloo.ca</a>), phone (226-753-3089), or online form</p>



# Children and Youth Planning Table of Waterloo Region

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	(regionofwaterloo.ca/SVIS). Seeing an increase in uptake.
<b>Emergency Child Care (ECC)</b>	<p>No ECC update.</p> <p>Barb to share email re: Child Care Survey to PWG group. Would like to hear from every family with a child aged 0 to 5-years-old, whether they have used the childcare services or not. On receiving more information through the email, PWG members encouraged to share widely.</p> <p>In response to a comment, Barb noted she would look into finding out which demographic groups are not reflected in the responses already received, so future reach-outs can be more targeted.</p> <p>Survey closes on April 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://surveys.regionofwaterloo.ca/?e=220942&amp;h=B21467EA00400B2&amp;l=en">https://surveys.regionofwaterloo.ca/?e=220942&amp;h=B21467EA00400B2&amp;l=en</a></p>
<b>Child Welfare</b>	No update.
<b>Member Updates/ Other</b>	<p>Link: <a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sessions</a></p> <p>Link: <a href="#">Carizon Community Services and Programs from April to June</a></p>
<b>Next Steps</b>	Next meeting: April 15, 12pm to 1pm