



Renfrew County and District Health Unit  
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

## For Immediate Release

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### **RCDHU Shares Good News for Renfrew County and District in the Fight Against COVID-19**

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is reporting good news for residents of Renfrew County and District (RCD) in the fight against COVID-19. Currently, there are no outbreaks to report in RCD and RCDHU has successfully begun COVID-19 Vaccine Roll Out for priority populations. To date, RCDHU in collaboration with partners have successfully completed five COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided first vaccinations to 396 people.

Schools in RCD were one of seven regions able to return to in-person learning on January 25<sup>th</sup>, a testament to our efforts in curbing numbers here in RCD. "Looking at the data, schools are not a concern as only 22 high school and elementary school attendees tested positive, which is only seven percent of the total cases. Of which, 70 percent were brought into the school, so only a small number occurred within the schools. The schools are doing a good job," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

"By in large we are doing a great job, but as I have said many times, we have to remain vigilant. What we have noticed is that approximately 55 percent of all of our cases are in people under the age of 40," says Dr. Cushman. "This presents some clear messages – COVID-19 can affect anybody. We saw this in the death of a nineteen-year-old in Southwestern Ontario. We need to protect our grandmothers or grandfathers from becoming ill. This means we all must be careful. If we want this good news to continue and the economy to re-open, we all need to continue to work hard to do our part. No parties and no gatherings," finishes Dr. Cushman.

Remember, we need to work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. Stay home. Stay Safe. Save lives. In addition to the new public health measures set out in the [provincial shutdown](#) and [second provincial emergency order](#), it is imperative that everyone do their part to keep the community safe; stay home if they are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash their hands, use the COVID Alert App, and if you are symptomatic, complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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