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WRH Receives Shipment Of Second Round Of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments For Windsor-Essex

WINDSOR, ON. _ Today, Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) received its second shipment of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines.

The first shipment, which arrived December 21, 2020, allowed for just under 2000 people to be vaccinated with two doses. The second shipment allows for vaccination of approximately 1500 people with two doses. WRH started vaccinating individuals within 12 hours of getting the green light to start vaccination. Following provincial direction, WRH has been putting vaccines into arms and not holding back on the second doses. This assumes there will be a regular supply of vaccines to Windsor Regional Hospital. As of the end of the day on Monday January 4, 2021, WRH has vaccinated just under 3000 people. On this pace, but for today's delivery, WRH would have exhausted all of its first shipment by the end of Wednesday.

“Although this tests your nerves to use all the vaccines up, the goal is to not have vaccines in freezers but in people's arms. That is the marching orders from our General Rick Hillier, the head of the Vaccination Task Force, and we will follow it without question. It is the right thing to do,” stated WRH President and CEO David Musyj. “I had a chance to talk to General Hillier who is heading the Vaccine Task Force. He is a true Canadian hero. He stated being on the defense in a war - a war on COVID-19 - is stressful, depressing and tiring. It is hard to motivate the troops when just trying to stay alive. Now with the vaccine, we are on the offensive. It is exhilarating. Energizing and motivating. We need to keep this energy as we continue this war and hopefully turn the tables on COVID-19 and beat this enemy.”

Windsor Regional Hospital is vaccinating 500 people a day focusing on the priority groups set by the Province. More information about Ontario's vaccination program can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>.

Windsor Regional Hospital has capacity to vaccinate 1000 people a day but cannot achieve that until supply from the Federal government to Ontario and Windsor increases.

“As a province and hospital we are doing all we can do to get vaccines into people's arms. We need supply to increase in order to vaccinate more,” Musyj said.

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