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HOSPITAL, UNIVERSITY PARTNER TO PROVIDE DOWNTOWN WINDSOR SPACE FOR FUTURE VACCINATIONS

WINDSOR, ON. _ Windsor Regional Hospital is partnering with the University of Windsor to establish space in downtown Windsor for a future vaccination site.

The Windsor Hall building, located at Pitt and Ferry streets, houses the School of Social Work and the Department of Continuing Education and is being transformed for vaccination needs.

Vaccinations will continue at the St. Clair College Sportsplex, where the hospital has inoculating individuals with the Pfizer vaccine as part of the province's Phase 1 vaccination rollout plan. More than 8,000 staff from long-term care and retirement homes, hospitals and congregate care settings have received initial vaccinations to date at the Sportsplex.

Windsor Hall allows for expanded capacity and will serve as a "backup" plan in the event the Sportsplex in south Windsor is required for use again as a field hospital for patients. Also, once we enter subsequent phases of Ontario's vaccination rollout plan including eventual vaccinations of the general public, Windsor Hall will be in place as one of several vaccination centres in the region.

The timing of its opening is unknown at this time and is dependent on further Pfizer vaccination supply in coming weeks.

"This project is part of the University of Windsor's commitment to do as much as possible to help the community address the impact of COVID-19," said University of Windsor President and Vice-Chancellor Robert Gordon. "We are proud to partner with Windsor Regional Hospital on these efforts to help our community move beyond the current pandemic."

"Thank you to the University of Windsor for your generosity in agreeing to the use of this great space for the benefit of our community in our fight against COVID-19," said WRH President and CEO David Musyj. "We look forward to continuing to work with both the University of Windsor and St. Clair College as important and dedicated community partners in the months ahead."

About Windsor Hall

The iconic property that is now Windsor Hall opened in 2018 on the site of the former Windsor Star newspaper building, which opened in 1927. The building retains the original facades of the former Star building and received a heritage designation plaque from the City of Windsor for preserving the Pitt-Ferry site.

The official name of "Windsor Hall" recognizes the longstanding significance of the site at Pitt and Ferry streets to the city as well as the University's commitment to the downtown.

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