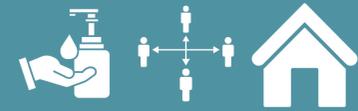


# COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE



New vaccine clinic opens at St. Catharines Site on Aug. 17  
Niagara Health closed its COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Seymour-Hannah arena on August 15 and opened a new, smaller clinic at the Niagara Health St. Catharines Site on August 17, located in the Mental Health Outpatient Clinic. This clinic operates from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week and will offer both walk-ins and booked appointments for the Pfizer vaccine. Those getting vaccinated can enter through the Walker Family Cancer Centre at the rear of the hospital (1200 Fourth Ave). Parking in this area is free for those coming to get vaccinated. In addition, on August 15, the St. Catharines COVID-19 assessment centre closed and the Greater Niagara General assessment site reopened on August 16. The operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

### Power of Possible Workshop Series

Register for the Power of Possible Workshop Series that focuses on assisting job seekers in achieving their long-term goals by emphasizing education, skill development, wellness planning and employment. The program will run from Aug 30, 2021, until Sept 10, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Apply or learn more at [www.employment-solutions.org/events/](http://www.employment-solutions.org/events/)

### New training resources for the construction sector

The Ontario Government is investing over \$3 million to create a virtual training hub to help construction supervisors develop skills in order to mentor and train their teams. Funding will also go towards the creation of an online job bank that will help up to 200 laid-off and unemployed workers find jobs in the construction sector. The project will run until June 30, 2022. Apply at [www.meritontario.com](http://www.meritontario.com).

### COVID-19 pop-up vaccination clinics

Pop-up vaccination clinics are temporary clinics that offer walk-in vaccinations only with no appointments booked in advance available. The first and second doses of Moderna and Pfizer are available at these pop-ups for anyone 12 years of age or older while supplies last. If you require a COVID-19 vaccination, check out the pop-up clinic schedule at [www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/clinic-schedule.aspx](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/clinic-schedule.aspx)

### My Main Street initiative

The Government of Canada and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario have announced a \$23.25 million FedDev Ontario investment to help drive business to local communities in the aftermath of COVID-19. Recognized as the 'My Main Street initiative', the investment will provide support to local businesses as they recover from the impacts posed by COVID-19 as well as offer revitalization to main streets across Southern Ontario. Applications open in the fall. To learn more, visit <https://mymainstreet.ca/>

### Digital Transformation Grant Program

The Ontario Government is investing \$10 million towards the Digital Main Street program to help small businesses expand their digital presence and market their services online. Small businesses have the opportunity to apply for \$2,500 grants to purchase new technology and digital services, as well as receive technical training, and digital resources to help them reach more customers in person and online. To learn more about the Digital Main Street program, or apply for funding, visit <https://digitalmainstreet.ca/ontariogrants/>

**For more information about the Town's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://covid19.forterie.ca>.  
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