# **Joint Statement**

## COVID-19 on the rise again in Eastern Ontario: What you can do

This is a joint message from Champlain region's hospital Chiefs of Staff and Medical Officers of Health

**OTTAWA – April 7, 2022** – The level of COVID-19 in the Champlain region is on the rise. The COVID-19 wastewater viral signal is increasing in the region and is at record levels in Ottawa. In addition, test per cent positivity across the region is high and increasing, according to regional public health units.

In response, every hospital Chief of Staff and every public health unit Medical Officer of Health in the Champlain region are coming together to highly recommend the following four things that you can do right now to protect yourself, your family, and your community, with the goal of reducing severe illness and hospitalization:

- 1. Get vaccinated with all the doses you are eligible for.
- 2. Limit your close contacts.
- 3. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces.
- 4. Stay home if you are sick.

To book a vaccine, please visit <u>COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario</u>. For residents in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, please visit their <u>Vaccine Booking page</u>.

If you know or suspect you have COVID-19 and need to be assessed by a clinician, below are some options for accessing care. When possible, please check with your primary care provider first. Also, please check the specific criteria for each clinic.

- COVID-19 Care and Testing Centre Moodie
- East Ottawa Kids COVID Care Clinic
- EOHU COVID-19 Assessment, Testing and Treatment Eligibility
- Kids Come First Care Clinic
- Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre
- TOH Clinical Assessment Centre

Thank you for doing what you can to help keep yourself and those around you safe during this time of uncertainty amid the rising levels of COVID-19.

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