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Vaccine milestone reached locally

Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) reports that 90% of the area's residents aged 12 and older have received at least 1 dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Over 130,000 doses of the vaccine have been given in the region.

"I would like to thank residents who have chosen to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. You are helping our local businesses to stay open, keeping our students in school, and are preventing our local hospitals from being overwhelmed with cases of the virus," says Dr. Kit Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health at NWHU. "This impressive milestone could not have been achieved without the dedication and hard work of NWHU clinic staff and volunteers, pharmacists, and health care providers. Thank you to everyone who has played a role in the COVID-19 vaccination efforts so far".

Vaccine clinics continue to have availability across the region. "We are still offering first and second doses to anyone who would like one. If you are unsure about getting the vaccine, I encourage you to talk about it with a health care provider," Dr. Young Hoon says. It is expected that NWHU clinics will fill up once 5-11 year olds become eligible for the vaccine within the next few weeks.

To book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.nwhu.on.ca/covid19 or call 1-866-468-2240.

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