

COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre at Cornell Community Centre celebrates over 270,000 vaccinations administered

Markham, ON (March 29, 2022) – Oak Valley Health and the City of Markham are proud to gather together to formally recognize and celebrate the incredible health care workers who stepped up to fight against the pandemic and keep our community safe.

The COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre at Cornell Community Centre, the largest mass vaccination clinic in York Region, was operated by staff and physicians from Oak Valley Health, community service groups and local family physicians from the Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team.

“Over the past 13 months, the vaccine clinic has truly exemplified how Oak Valley Health is living our vision of “care beyond our walls”. We collaborated with our local partners to be able to deliver protection through vaccination to our health care workers, their families and our broader communities,” said Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO of Oak Valley Health.

Over 56 weeks the team administered over 270,000 vaccinations. This included first, second, third and fourth doses to eligible children, youth, adults and seniors.

“This wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of everyone involved day in and day out, including our support, clinical and administrative staff and physicians. Seeing the clinic come together and function at such a high level was extremely rewarding,” said Dr. Cristina Popa, Emergency Department Physician, and Clinical Assessment Centre and Vaccination Centre, physician lead, at Oak Valley Health.

Crucial to the success of the vaccination clinic was the partnership with the City of Markham, which provided the gymnasium at the Cornell Community Centre to house the mass vaccination clinic.

“I want to extend a big thank you to every member of the team that contributed to making the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre located at Cornell Community Centre an outstanding success. From day one and throughout its operation I received constant feedback from the community about how impressed they were with the efficiency of the clinic. Our community will be forever grateful to all the healthcare workers who answered the call of duty and administered over 270,000 vaccines,” said Markham Mayor, Frank Scarpitti.

As demand for vaccines has decreased, the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Cornell Community Centre officially closed its doors on March 26, 2022. The City of Markham will soon be re-opening the community centre to the public.

Vaccinations remain the best form of protection against the COVID-19 virus. Vaccinations continue to be offered through [York Region](#) and the [provincial vaccine booking site](#). We encourage anyone who is eligible and has not received their full dose of vaccination, including boosters, to do so as soon as possible to help protect themselves and their community.

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About Oak Valley Health:

[Oak Valley Health](#) is one of Ontario’s leading community health systems. Across our two hospitals, Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) and Uxbridge Hospital (UXB), as well as our Reactivation Care Centre (RCC), we provide high quality, patient-centred care to more than 474,000 patients each year. We offer diagnostic and emergency services and deliver clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children’s services. We are proud to be part of the Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team (EYRND OHT).

Our 489 physicians, 28 midwives, over 2,900 staff and over 1,000 volunteers serve patients and families with an honoured to care mindset and are focused on delivering an extraordinary patient experience to the residents of Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and beyond.

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