

MEDIA RELEASE

The Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team opens COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre

MARKHAM, ON (March 1, 2021) – As part of the Ministry of Health’s COVID-19 vaccination program, the Eastern York Region North Durham (EYRND) Ontario Health Team (OHT) in partnership with Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) and York Region Public Health, and with the support of the City of Markham, will officially open the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre located at the Cornell Community Centre on Tuesday March 2, 2021. Online appointments bookings for the vaccinations started on Monday, March 1, 2021.

“This is an exciting opportunity, and truly exemplifies how MSH is living our vision of ‘care beyond our walls’. Our hospital is uniquely positioned, to be able to deliver vaccines to those that need it most in our community,” says Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

“It is our privilege to come together with community agencies and local partners to be able to facilitate this pivotal resource for the benefit, and health and safety of our patients, their families and the community.”

Located at the Cornell Community Centre, 3201 Bur Oak Ave, east side of MSH on Bur Oak Avenue at Church Street, the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre will provide vaccinations for York Region residents who qualify under the [Ministry of Health’s COVID-19 vaccine program guidelines](#), during this initial roll-out.

“A model of true collaboration among the hospital, community agencies and local health care providers, the vaccination centre is operated by nurses, support services, administrative staff and physicians from Markham Stouffville Hospital, local family physician and community specialist clinics and community service organizations,” says Dr. Emilie Lam, local family physician and Chair of the Primary Care Advisory Council of the EYRND OHT.

Vaccinations will take place inside the gymnasium in the fully accessible site. The triple gymnasium (13,057 sq. ft.) at Cornell Community Centre is one of the largest in the City of Markham’s recreation inventory, allowing for mass vaccinations to the public, with a potential capacity of up-to 1,800 vaccinations daily.

At this time, the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, qualified individuals must book online. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information about the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centre visit:
EYRND.ca/vaccinationcentre

For more information on the vaccine roll-out in York Region visit: York.ca/covid19vaccine

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About the Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team

The Eastern York Region North Durham (EYRND) Ontario Health Team (OHT) is one of the first OHTs in the province of Ontario. Established in December 2019, the EYRND OHT's mandate is to facilitate and coordinate connected, seamless, people-centred care 24/7 for local residents. As its initial focus, the EYRND OHT endeavours to support residents living with mental health and addiction, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and their caregivers.

The EYRND OHT serves the Townships of Brock and Uxbridge, located within the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region); and the City of Markham, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Community of Thornhill, located within the Regional Municipality of York (York Region).

The EYRND OHT's members include: 360°kids; Addiction Services for York Region (ASYR); Alzheimer Society of Durham Region (ASDR); Alzheimer Society of York Region (AS York); Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association; Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS); Durham Region; East Markham Family Health Organization; Entité 4; Krasman Centre; Markham Family Health Team; Markham Family Health Organization; Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit Health for All Family Health Team; Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH); Unionville Home Society (UHS); SE Health; SRT MedStaff; York Region; and York Support Services Network (YSSN).

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About Markham Stouffville Hospital

Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) is one of Ontario's leading community hospitals. Across its two sites (Markham and Uxbridge) and the Reactivation Care Centre (RCC), the hospital has 348 budgeted beds and provides high quality, patient-centred care to more than 402,000 patients each year. It offers diagnostic and emergency services and delivers clinical programs in acute care medicine and surgery, addictions and mental health, and childbirth and children's services.

At MSH, 560 physicians, 25 midwives, 2,300 staff and 1,200 volunteers serve patients and families with an honoured to care mindset. The hospital partners with other providers to take this care beyond its walls and deliver an extraordinary patient experience to the residents of Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and beyond. For more information: visit www.msh.on.ca.