



# COVID-19 UPDATE

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP



Davenport friends and neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport:

Hope and transition.

These are the words that I believe will define 2021. It's been a hard start to the year, and as I write, the unexpectedly strong second wave is finally starting to decline. We are not out of the woods yet, but I hold great hope that 2021 will end up being a much better year than the last one.

We will, though, be changed by this experience—and the opportunity before us is to create a better community and country as we restart our economy and re-emerge post-COVID-19.

Vaccines are top of mind for everyone. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has indicated that there will be a vaccine available for everyone who wants one by September 2021.

The federal government has spent over \$1 billion on vaccines. We have secured the largest number of vaccine options in the world. Two vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna have been approved by Health Canada and two other promising options are in the queue: AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

The federal government is working closely with the provinces and territories to make sure they receive the vaccines. Every province and territory is given a clear schedule of how many doses will be sent and when—so that they can distribute it. At time of print, we are expecting 4 million more vaccines by the end of March, and 1 million vaccines each week after that. And if Health Canada approves the AstraZeneca vaccine (expected to happen in early February) then the number of vaccines arriving in Canada will be higher.

It's important to remind ourselves that there are over 7.8 billion people in the world and only a limited number of companies producing approved (i.e. safe) vaccines; so Canada is lucky and privileged to be among

the first countries to receive vaccines.

It will take time to distribute. It is a colossal job to distribute 37 million vaccines across the country with each province in charge of its own distribution. The federal government buys the vaccines and delivers them to the province—it is up to the province to decide how to best distribute and in what order.

In the meantime, there are other ways to keep safe until it's time for all of us to be vaccinated. 14 million rapid tests have been sent to provinces and territories, and much more are on the way. The federal government has spent \$7.6 billion to buy two billion items of personal protective equipment and \$3 billion of this has gone directly to the provinces and territories through the Safe Restart Agreement.

I also want to remind everyone that there are not only financial federal supports for Canadians and for small businesses ([Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://canada.ca/coronavirus)) but also supports for wellness and mental health. **This is such a tough time for each one of us. It's ok not to be ok.**

If you need help, please reach out. One place you can start is by visiting: Wellness Together Canada at [ca.portal.gs](https://ca.portal.gs). If you do not have access to the internet, you can call: 1-866-585-0445.

You can also reach out to my office and we are happy to direct you to local supports and/or provide whatever help we can. While my office is closed during the lockdown, we are available and responding to calls and emails as quickly as possible.

For as long as this pandemic lasts, know that the federal government has your back. Please keep safe Davenport.

It's an honour and privilege to serve you.

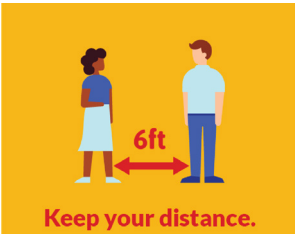
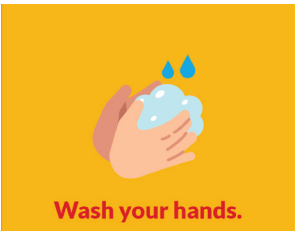
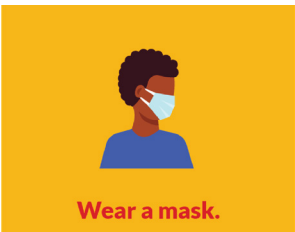
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# TAKE CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



**It's okay  
to not be okay.  
We are here  
to help.**

Canadians can access the confidential and free Wellness Together Canada online tool for support.

For immediate help, text **WELLNESS** to **741741** or visit **wellnesstogether.ca**  
**We are in this together.**

This pandemic has impacted everyone—in our jobs, our social life, our financial situation, our health, or in other ways.

*It's ok to say that you are not ok.* It's ok to say you are going through a hard time, and you are tired of COVID—as am I. There is light at the end of the tunnel; this will end. We have a few difficult weeks ahead but millions of doses of vaccines are arriving. We know how to protect ourselves—wear masks and socially distance—and there are numerous government supports that will tide us over until this pandemic is over.

At this difficult time, I want to remind Davenport residents that there are resources available to help.

**Wellness Together Canada** provides tools and resources to help Canadians get back on track at [ca.portal.gs](https://ca.portal.gs) or call **1-866-585-0445**; for immediate crisis support text them:

- Adults text **WELLNESS** to **741741**
- Front line workers text **FRONTLINE** to **741741**

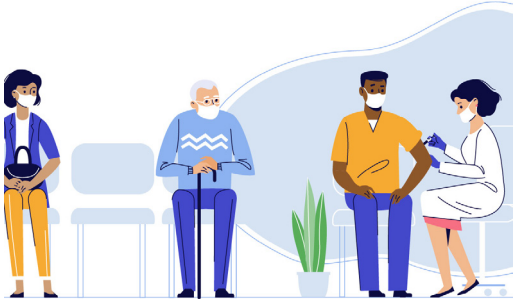
Call a **Kids Help Phone** counsellor at **1-800-668-6868**

## LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Community Health Centre** provides take-away meals, settlement services, crisis support, senior support and more. Languages: Portuguese, Spanish, Mandarin, Tamil, Urdu, and English:  
**416-656-8025 • [dpnchc.com](https://dpnchc.com)**
- **West Neighbourhood House** offers services for all age groups: pre-schoolers, youth, adults, and seniors. Languages: Programs and resources offered in more than 20 languages:  
**416-532-4828 • [westnh.org/covid19](https://westnh.org/covid19)**
- **Oasis Dufferin**, food bank and community take-away dinners:  
**416-536-4431 • [oasisdufferin.org/programs/Covid-19](https://oasisdufferin.org/programs/Covid-19)**

- **The Stop**, foodbank and take-away meals; in Spanish and English:  
**416-652-7867 • [thestop.org](https://thestop.org)**
- **Abrigo Centre** has a wide range of services for seniors, youth, women, and vulnerable groups. Languages: Portuguese and English:  
**416-534-3434 • [abrigo.ca](https://abrigo.ca)**
- **Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club** provides programming for Davenport boys and girls:  
**[dovercourtkids.com](https://dovercourtkids.com)**  
Dovercourt Clubhouse:  
**416-536-4102**  
Junction Triangle Clubhouse:  
**416-530-4233**

**All Canadians will have access to a free, safe and effective vaccine by September.**



## FEDERAL SUPPORTS: WORKERS & SMALL BUSINESSES

### We Have Your Back!

The federal government will be here to support all Canadians for as long as is needed to get through this pandemic. If you aren't sure what benefits you might qualify for, visit:

- [covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start](https://covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start) to find help for individuals or visit [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus)
- [Canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaining-your-business.html](https://Canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaining-your-business.html) to find help for businesses

If you need more help accessing support, please call me at **416-654-8048** or email [julie.dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca](mailto:julie.dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca)

To sign up to receive the latest COVID updates, federal government news, and/or events in Davenport, please either follow me on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter: [@juliedzerowicz](https://www.instagram.com/juliedzerowicz)

