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Get it when you can, vaccines save lives

I recently received my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccine will help alleviate the challenges created by the global pandemic. When your turn comes, I encourage you to get the vaccine to protect yourself and other. Remember, the best vaccine for you is the first one offered.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to everyone on the frontline of Simcoe County's immunization rollout and, in particular, to all the staff and volunteers operating the clinics at the Alliston Memorial Arena and the Tottenham Community Centre here in the Town of New Tecumseth. They are working tirelessly to help vaccinate residents, including me, and I thank them for their commitment and dedication to ensuring the health and well-being of everyone that lives and works in New Tecumseth.

Working together with all levels of government to support our community has been key in the fight against COVID-19. To date Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, in partnership with the regional health sector, municipalities and local primary care teams have administered almost 250,000 vaccines. Eligible individuals can book their vaccination appointment through <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>. For those without access to a computer or internet access, appointments can be booked by calling the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) health unit at 1-877-721-7520.

As we move into the unofficial start of summer with the Victoria Day long weekend, I ask that you please remember to follow all public health guidelines – even once you have received your vaccine- remains critical. We must continue practicing physical distancing, wear a mask when making trips outside the home, washing hands thoroughly and often. This is a crucial time in our fight against COVID-19, and our journey is not over yet.

We all share the responsibility to reduce the spread of this virus. If we continue to work together and support each other, I know we will emerge stronger.



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