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SL-OHT Partners *Innovating Together for Better Health* Administered 6,051 Vaccines!

Demonstrating the purpose of Ontario Health Teams, the SL-OHT partners stepped up recently to ensure essential workers and education staff received their COVID-19 boosters before they headed back to work following the holidays. The addition of several thousand new priority appointments freed up the much-needed space in community vaccination clinics, allowing Lambton Public Health to accelerate booster doses for the general public.

Priority vaccination clinics were held at the downtown Royal Canadian Legion, and targeted teachers and education staff, hospital and long-term care workers, EMS, police, fire, and essential City and County staff. A booster clinic was also held at Bluewater Health to make it easier for frontline hospital staff as they respond to recent pandemic pressures. To facilitate uptake of children’s approved vaccines (ages 5-11) for families who wanted access to a physician, SL-OHT partners organized and led a children’s vaccine clinic during the month of December and over the holiday break at Rapid’s Family Health Team. A second children’s clinic ran at Dr. Sean Peterson’s office through January. Dedicated, primary care clinics were also hosted evenings on Christina Street South, led by our primary care partners in space provided by Dr. Ajayi-Obe. These clinics focused on first, second, and booster doses for ages 18+.

In total, these clinics administered 6,051 vaccinations/boosters. Together, our vaccination efforts ensured our community had optimal access to vaccines when they needed it the most.

A huge shout-out and sincere thank you to our partners and primary care providers who worked around the clock to pull these clinics together so quickly: Rapids FHT, North Lambton CHC, Lambton EMS, Bluewater Health, the Sarnia Legion Branch 62 and Lambton Public Health.

Location	Dates	Population	Number
Rapids FHT	6	Pediatrics 5-11	1359
Dr. Peterson	12	Pediatrics 5-11	1206
Legion	6	Essential Workers	1925
Primary Care	9	Primary Care	1506
BWH	1	Hospital staff	55
Total	34	-	6,051