

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit COVID-19 TIMELINE

2021

JAN 11

- SMDHU launches long-term care home resident COVID-19 vaccination program

JAN 8

- Outbreak begins at Roberta Place Long Term Care Home in Barrie

JAN 13

- First meeting of the Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign Advisory Committee

JAN 20

- Alpha variant of concern identified at Roberta Place

FEB 9

- COVID-19 Immunization Regional Task Groups begin meeting

MAR 1

- SMDHU COVID-19 community vaccination clinics begin for those eligible

FEB 25

- The Urban Indigenous COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy group begins meeting

FEB 14

- **Wave 3** of pandemic starts in Simcoe Muskoka

APR 3

- Ontario issues province-wide shutdown

MAY 13

- Delta variant of concern identified in Simcoe Muskoka

MAY 20

- Ontario releases its three-step *Roadmap to Reopen*

JUL 11

- **Wave 4** of pandemic starts in Simcoe Muskoka

JUN 17

- Ontario declares Simcoe Muskoka a Delta variant of concern hotspot

MAY 29

- SMDHU offers COVID-19 vaccination for youth 12-17 years

SEP 7

- Publicly funded schools open in Ontario for in-person learning

OCT 14

- SMDHU issues Letter of Instruction to sport and recreation facilities requiring proof of vaccination

OCT 26

- SMDHU's weekly incidence is significantly higher than provincial incidence for first time during the pandemic

DEC 12

- **Wave 5** of pandemic starts in Simcoe Muskoka

DEC 3

- SMDHU issues open letter appealing to the community and municipalities to continue to practice all public health measures

NOV 26

- SMDHU offers COVID-19 vaccination for children 5-11 years

DEC 16

- Omicron variant of concern identified in Simcoe Muskoka

DEC 19

- Ontario issues province-wide circuit breaker

DEC 31

- Ontario changes PCR testing eligibility