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Health Unit COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Still Taking Place During Shutdown

NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND, ON – Today, the Government of Ontario announced a provincewide shutdown will take effect Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. for a period of four weeks. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is reassuring the public that COVID-19 vaccine clinics will still run as scheduled. Although the shutdown guidelines state individuals cannot travel outside their house for non-essential reasons, getting vaccinated is deemed essential; however, the Health Unit strongly discourages people from traveling between health unit regions to obtain a vaccine.

The Health Unit's Call Centre will be open April 2 to April 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to book appointments for individuals born in 1951 or before. To book an appointment by phone over the weekend, call 1-800-563-2808 and choose option 4. Individuals may also book online using the provincial booking system at www.Ontario.ca/BookVaccine. The Health Unit is reminding the public to be patient when trying to book an appointment, and note that appointments cannot be made in person.

For more information on local vaccine clinics and booking appointments, please visit www.myhealthunit.ca.

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