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Dear Mayor and Council:

I am respectfully seeking a proclamation that August 2021, be designated by the Township of Esquimalt, as ***Give a Shot Month***, to publicize and promote the funding of Covid 19 vaccinations in developing countries, through the global GAVI Vaccine Alliance (GAVI.org). GAVI, an Alliance of partners that includes the World Health Organization and the World Bank, is co-leading COVAX, the global efforts on equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines.

I am a Victoria resident and have been working with a Toronto based organization that is publicizing and promoting donations to GAVI through an initiative called "Give a Shot" on their Facebook page. They are also similarly approaching public and private organizations in Ontario for support in this campaign. I have enclosed additional information on GAVI and Community Matters, Toronto (communitymatterstoronto.org). Donations to GAVI can be made on the Community Matters Facebook Page or directly on the GAVI webpages.

In addition to asking for a proclamation, I also personally ask each of you to use your social media networks to promote this crucial effort. As you know, an accelerated global Covid-19 vaccination campaign is critical for all of us.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,



Rita Coshan





# Responding to COVID-19

In the face of this unprecedented pandemic, Gavi is working with countries to support COVID-19 response and to maintain and restore routine immunisation. The Alliance is also co-leading global efforts on equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

# COVID-19 DASHBOARD

 **71** of 73

**Gavi countries with confirmed cases**

**Confirmed Cases**

**39,078,172**

**83,243** new cases

**Confirmed Deaths**

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# COVAX

Gavi is co-leading COVAX, the vaccines pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator. This involves coordinating the COVAX Facility, a global risk-sharing mechanism for pooled procurement and equitable distribution of eventual COVID-19 vaccines.



## PARTNER LINKS

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- WHO: situation report
- SAGE
- UNICEF
- World Bank: COVID-19 projects list

### PARTNER LINKS ON COVID-19 VACCINE

- WHO draft landscape of COVID-19 vaccine candidates
- WHO R&D Blueprint and COVID-19
- ACT Accelerator Call to Action
- WHO Strategic preparedness and response plan for COVID-19

## GAVI'S RESPONSE

**Respond and protect:** With COVID-19 now reported in almost all Gavi-eligible countries, the Vaccine Alliance is providing immediate funding to health systems, enabling countries to protect health care workers, perform vital surveillance and training, and purchase diagnostic tests.

**Maintain, restore and strengthen:** Gavi will support countries to adapt and restart immunisation services, rebuild community trust and catch up those who have been missed both before and during the pandemic, while also investing in strengthening immunisation systems to be more resilient and responsive to the communities they serve.

- Checklist for tackling gender barriers to COVID-19 vaccine deployment

**Ensure global equitable access:** Gavi is co-leading COVAX, the global effort to securing a global response to COVID-19 that is effective and fair, using its unique expertise to help identify and rapidly accelerate development, production and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines so that anyone that needs them, gets them.

## COVID-19 VACCINES

Accurate, evidence-based information about COVID-19 vaccines.

## SITUATION REPORTS

*Historical updates concerning the impact of and response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Gavi-supported countries.*

- #20 (18 Nov 2020)
- #19 (15 Oct 2020)
- #18 (24 Sep 2020)
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GET A  
SHOT  
GIVE A  
SHOT

Join Community Matters campaign to help provide vaccines for developing countries. We are encouraging everyone who receives a COVID shot to donate a shot through the **GAVI vaccine alliance**.

Donate

## ABOUT COMMUNITY MATTERS TORONTO

We are a group of St. James Town neighbours, seeking to contribute to a strong neighbourhood culture by helping to build networks of relationships, to link people to others with common interest and foster exchanges of knowledge and skill. We assist a steady stream of families dealing with challenges of housing.

We are  for you

finances, social issues, employment, citizenship,  
language, and parenting.

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## 20 YEARS IN 15 PICTURES

We are proud of what we've done. To celebrate 20 years of CMT, we invite you all our major accomplishments  
by clicking on the desired year

2001

## CELEBRATING THE FAMILY

We partnered with the Literacy Secretariat and Toronto East General Hospital to create a program for in community screening of pre school children for speech, hearing, vision and developmental issues. In three years we screened over 100 children helping early identification and support providing a base for children's development

2008

## NEW SCHOOL PLAYFIELD

We joined with Rose Avenue Junior Public School in a year long campaign to raise funds for a state of the art play field including special playground equipment designed for kids living in dense neighbourhoods to improve physically.

## CANADIAN CEREMONY

## CITIZENSHIP

We partnered with The Institute for Canadian Citizenship to deliver the Institutes first Citizenship Ceremony held at the Wellesley Community centre.

2014

## HEALTHY LIVING IN ST. JAMES TOWN

Healthy Living in St James Town was a six-year program supported by the Public Health Agency of Canada to mitigate the high risk of diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease in the South Asian and African populations through the implementation of community-based methods of engagement and prevention. The project succeeded in reaching vulnerable and isolated residents, screening them for potential health problems, providing recreational, educational and social activities to help address the health challenges of the community.

2004

2005

2006

2007

2015

2017

2009

2010

2011

2012



## PROGRAMS

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