

# Wait for it...

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It's all good, I'll just wait.

Knee deep in yet another Ontario lockdown, I find fewer options in daily life aside from the usual routine of work, walk the dog, do the laundry. Therefore I do what so many other do.

I wait.

I wait for updates about local infection rates, provincial infection rates, global infection rates.

I wait for phone calls from friends to discuss what we'll do and where we'll go in the new dimension of time and space now dubbed "when this is all over".

I wait for my 23rd Amazon order of the month to arrive, reviewing the thought process that had me convinced I could only get in shape with a ropeless skipping rope. Seriously, I am lockdown addled in my thinking and now own two skipping rope handles – just the handles -- and no actual rope. In the midst of a pandemic pause, this purchase somehow made perfect sense. I couldn't even use it in a pinch to tie up Rudy the wonder dog, because, well, there is no rope. Maybe we can play fetch with the handles. At least one of us would get some exercise.

I wait for speculative information from travel bloggers about when I might be able to ride my horse outta this town, and while maintaining health advisory guidelines head for Rome or Disney World, or Arva.

I wait for word that yet another of my eligible family members has received their Covid vaccine and celebrate that we are one patient closer to putting paid to this globally experienced experience.

I wait for insights about side effects from the vaccines we've been promised will pull us out of this historical period. And I wait for my call to present arms, left or right, whichever one they want to jab with a vaccine-filled syringe.

I'm registered with every clinic, pharmacy and community list I qualify for. I'm so thorough I'm sure I signed up for both of Santa Claus's lists: The naughty and the nice one. You just never know which path will take you to that coveted place of finally getting that vaccine and the civil easing that will follow.

And then I wait for it register that Canada continues to struggle with vaccine procurement and distribution. The only thing to wait for after the urgency to get this first shot is the anxiety about securing a second dose.

But it's all good.

We're getting there.

So I'll just wait.



