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What's new

- Vaccine booking update:
 - Huron Perth Public Health is now using the Provincial Vaccine Booking System for online COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Individuals are able to book their first, second, or booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.
 - Online booking is open **now**, with appointments available starting January 17th through the provincial system.
 - Appointments can also be booked over the phone by calling the HPPH booking line at 1-833-753-2098.

Vaccine eligibility

- Please see www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking for information on vaccine eligibility.
- Use the HPPH [dose calculator](#) to find out if you are eligible.
- A list of who is eligible for a third dose or booster dose can be found at www.hpph.ca/thirddose
- Information can also be found on the Ontario Government's website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

Vaccination opportunities in Huron-Perth

HPPH

- HPPH clinic information is available at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking.
 - If walk-in appointments are available this information can be found on our website and social media channels.
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- Appointments can also be booked over the phone by calling the HPPH booking line 1-833-753-2098 (open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Monday-Friday).
- ONE CARE can provide free transportation to COVID-19 vaccination appointments across Huron & Perth counties for seniors and persons with a disability within the meaning of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. To learn more or register for a ride, please call central intake at 1-844-482-7800.
- Follow Huron Perth Public Health on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for the latest updates.
 - www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth
 - www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth
 - www.instagram.com/huronperthpublichealth

Pharmacies

- A list of pharmacies that offer COVID-19 vaccinations can be found at [COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccine Locations](#). Please note that the best way to book may be through a pharmacy's online system.

Second doses

- For information on second doses please visit www.hpph.ca/SecondDose
- Use the HPPH [dose calculator](#) to determine when you are eligible for a Second Dose.

Third doses

- The Omicron variant is now the dominant variant in Ontario. Evidence suggests that a third dose or booster can further increase protection against severe illness and hospitalization. The increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant is putting additional strain on Ontario's hospital capacity, making it critical that all Ontarians receive their booster dose as soon as possible.
- All individuals aged 18 and over are able to receive a third dose, three months following their second dose.
- Before booking, we ask that everyone checks their eligibility & **ensures that enough time has passed since their last dose using our [third dose calculator](#)**. If anyone comes to a clinic before enough time has passed since their second dose, they will not be able to proceed with the appointment.
- For a complete list of Third Dose eligibility, as well as guidance for certain populations regarding fourth doses, please see the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#).
 - **Fourth Doses:** Announced on Dec. 30th, the province will be making fourth doses of mRNA vaccines available to residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and other congregate care settings if at least three months, or 84 days, have passed since their third dose. HPPH will provide further information to these settings.

Proof of vaccination requirements

Provincial requirements

- The Ontario government continues to require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings. Information is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/proof-covid-19-vaccination>.
- Effective January 4, 2022, the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code is required, and the Verify Ontario app in settings where proof of vaccination is required. The QR code can be used digitally or by printing a paper copy. Individuals can download their enhanced certificate with QR code by visiting <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

How to get a provincial vaccination certificate

- All provincial vaccination certificates presented must include a QR code. The QR code can be used digitally or by printing a paper copy. If you previously printed a vaccination certificate and it didn't have a QR code, you will need to download your current version with the QR code.
- At any time you can download and print your vaccine certificate through the provincial portal at <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/> (please note there is **no** www in this web address)
- If you need help getting a copy of your receipt (online or a print copy) call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.
- Public libraries across Huron Perth are also offering to help people print their vaccine receipt.
- One Care Community Support Services is able to help people access their receipt as well: 1-844-482-7800.

Current Vaccination progress

- As of Jan. 9, 2022, vaccination coverage in Huron-Perth **for ages 5 and over**, was as follows:
 - 83.3% of residents have at least one dose
 - 78.4% fully vaccinated
 - 45.8% 3rd Dose Coverage of those aged 18 years and over
- Huron-Perth vaccination coverage information can be found on our COVID-19 Data in Huron and Perth vaccination coverage dashboard: [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard](#).

Information for healthcare providers and pharmacists

- Effective immediately, the province is recommending re-vaccination with a new COVID-19 vaccine primary series post-transplantation for individuals who receive hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT), hematopoietic cell transplants (HCT) (autologous or allogeneic), and recipients of CAR-T-cell therapy, due to the loss of immunity following therapy or transplant.

Continue following Public Health Measures

- Regardless of vaccination status, everyone must continue to follow all public health measures as described in Reopening Ontario legislation because a significant number of our population must be fully vaccinated to provide enough protection. As long as COVID is still circulating in Ontario, it is important to continue public health measures, even if you are vaccinated.

For More Information

Please visit www.hpph.ca/vaccine for more information, or contact your HPMVAC sector representative. The HPMVAC membership list is available at www.hpph.ca/vaccine. You can also call HPPH at 888.221.2133 for more information.

About HPMVAC

- The Huron Perth COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Advisory Committee (HPMVAC) is a collaborative of multiple relevant sector stakeholder members from our Huron and Perth communities.
- Under the leadership of Huron Perth Public Health, our table meets to inform COVID-19 mass vaccination planning and operations for our communities.
- This memo serves to update you, our community members and partners. Please note, guidance provided is subject to change. This reflects the evolving nature of COVID-19 and related supply chain logistics.