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WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

- Expanded eligibility for individuals 12+ (Pfizer-BioNTech)
- Province begins second doses of AstraZeneca
- Primary Care Moderna-only clinics June 4

VACCINATION PROGRAM IN HURON-PERTH

Vaccine eligibility

- Phase Two eligibility continues, dependent on vaccine supply.
- New eligible groups for HPPH mass vaccination clinics have been added:
 - Individuals age 12 or older for Pfizer-BioNTech (must be minimum 12 years or older at time of vaccination)
- See Complete Eligibility List in Appendix A

Vaccine availability

- Huron Perth continues to administer every vaccine received.
- HPPH does not determine which vaccines are received and allocated for HPPH and Primary Care clinics; Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are the COVID-19 vaccines available in the region currently for HPPH mass vaccination clinics.
 - Clients will be told at the clinic which vaccine is being provided that day.
 - Clients will receive a second dose of the same vaccine in 16 weeks (with some groups receiving second dose earlier).
 - Note: Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines
- Several pharmacies are now offering Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Please visit [COVID-19 Pharmacy](#) [Vaccine Locations](#) to learn more.

Astra-Zeneca

- The province is proceeding with second dose administration of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, beginning with

those who received their first dose of the vaccine between March 10 and March 19, 2021. This will begin in the regions where the AstraZeneca vaccine was initially launched in pharmacies and primary care settings in March 2021; these regions **do not include Huron-Perth**.

- The province will provide further guidance on administering doses of two different vaccines in the near future and in advance of the 12-week interval when most people are needing to receive their second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.
- When the time comes to receive a second dose, everyone who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine will receive either an AstraZeneca or mRNA vaccine for their second dose.
- In Huron-Perth, please contact the pharmacy where you received your first dose for more information on booking your second dose.
- Anyone who went to the April 19 or April 22 Primary Care AstraZeneca clinics can wait for further information or can call a participating local pharmacy that is providing AstraZeneca second doses.
 - Right now many of the participating pharmacies are taking names for a wait list until they can book appointments.

Second doses

ELIGIBILITY FOR SHORTENED DOSE INTERVAL

- In keeping with provincial direction, Huron Perth Public Health continues to maintain the time interval for second doses of COVID-19 vaccines at 16 weeks, allowing more first doses to be administered.
- The province has identified groups eligible for the shortened second dose interval (the dose interval as indicated in the product monographs). Please see Appendix B for this list.

How to book second dose for extended or shortened dose interval

- HPPH does not book second dose appointments when you get your first dose. You must book your second dose once you are eligible.
- Use the [HPPH second dose calculator](#) to find out when you can receive your second dose. If you don't qualify for the shortened dose interval, then you will be eligible to receive your second dose between 14.5-16 weeks after your first dose.
- Once you know your earliest appointment date, visit the HPPH booking system at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking or call 1-833-753-2098 to see available clinics.
 - If your earliest possible second dose date falls within the date range of an upcoming HPPH clinic, please book an appointment. If clinics are not yet available during the time you are due for your second dose, please check back for future clinics.
 - You can also subscribe to the booking webpage to get alerts when new clinics are added.
- If you received your first dose through your primary care provider or at an HPPH community clinic, and are eligible for a shortened dose interval, please go ahead and book at an HPPH community clinic for your second dose.
- Reminder emails
 - We are sending a reminder email, when possible, to alert individuals when they will be due for their second dose, following the extended interval of 16 weeks.
 - Note: We are only able to send emails to those who have been vaccinated at an HPPH community clinic AND who provided us with an email address at the time of booking.
 - If you have already received your second dose, please ignore this email reminder.
 - Please note that even without an email, you can still book a second dose if you are eligible. The email is just a helpful reminder.
- If you book an appointment before your earliest possible appointment date, and you do not qualify for the earlier dose schedule, you will be turned away at the clinic.

Current Vaccination progress

- As of May 26, there have been 65,537 vaccine doses administered in Huron and Perth counties by HPPH and partners, primary care and pharmacies.

- For Huron Perth residents age 16 and older, 54.1% of those have received at least one dose of vaccine and 4.6% are fully vaccinated.
- Vaccination coverage in Huron-Perth continues to be on par with the province. Public Health Ontario reports that as of May 15 (most current compared data):
 - 41.4 % of H-P residents age 18 and over had received at least 1 dose (provincial average 44.7%)
 - 3.9% of H-P residents age 18 and over had completed the vaccination series (provincial average 2.9%)
 - [Source: Public Health Ontario | COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Ontario: December 14, 2020 to May 15, 2021]
- HPPH updates Huron-Perth vaccination coverage information on a separate dashboard available at our COVID-19 Data in Huron and Perth page. You can also directly visit the HPPH [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard](#).

Primary Care Moderna-only clinics

- Several local primary care providers are hosting a Moderna COVID-19 vaccination clinic for residents 18 years of age and older on Friday, June 4.
- **This clinic is open to anyone 18 and older in Perth or Huron.** You do not need to be a patient of the organizing primary care providers to receive your vaccine at this clinic.
- This clinic is for first dose appointments only.
- To book, please visit <https://chkmkt.com/HPprimarycareJune4>

About HPPH Clinics

- First-dose and second-dose appointments are available at several HPPH community clinics.
 - Youth ages 12-17 and their eligible family members who did not use last week's school board/private school provided link can still book an appointment at hpph.ca/vaccinebooking or by calling 1-833-753-2098.
 - The HPPH Moderna-only clinics (18+) for May 27, June 3 and June 7 are currently fully booked.
- Residents are strongly encouraged to not book multiple appointments for one person; doing so slows down the booking system.
- Please cancel appointments that have been double booked or need to be rescheduled or cancelled. This will free up spots for other eligible residents. Cancellations can be done through email at: VaccineCancellation@hpph.ca or by calling HPPH Vaccine Booking line: 1-833-753-2098 and Press 2 for Cancellations.
- **There are no walk-in, end-of-day doses available at HPPH clinics.** HPPH has a process for administering any end-of-day doses; this process involves a list of eligible vaccination candidates. Please do not come to an HPPH clinic if you do not have an appointment, as there will not be an opportunity to receive vaccine.

Also remember

- **“Once eligible, always eligible”** Once HPPH announces that you are eligible for the vaccine, you are always eligible; you will not miss your chance to be vaccinated as there will be additional opportunities.
- Find the latest vaccination updates at hpph.ca/vaccines. To hear our regularly updated 24-7 vaccination status message, call HPPH at 888.221.2133 and select “1” for COVID VACCINE. Please listen to the whole message to receive all of the information.
- **Please remember that there will be enough vaccine for everyone.** Anyone who wants to be vaccinated will receive their opportunity to be vaccinated. We appreciate the enthusiasm and patience of those eager to receive COVID vaccine.
- Anyone who has received a first dose, or both doses, of a COVID-19 vaccine must continue to follow all public health measures. Right now we know the vaccines will protect those who receive it from getting very sick with COVID-19. Until we learn otherwise, however, it is possible that someone who has been vaccinated could still pass the virus on to others. 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 has been meeting 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.
- Note for Partners: Vaccine doses can be maximized through use of 1mL syringes. We ask our healthcare partners to consider using alternate syringe sizes where appropriate to preserve all 1mL syringes for vaccination purposes in our communities.

APPENDIX A – ELIGIBILITY for First Dose at HPPH Clinics (May 27, 2021)

- Individuals age 12 or older (must be at least 12 years old or older) for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination ***NEW**
- Individuals age 18 or older for Moderna vaccination

APPENDIX B – Individuals eligible for shortened second-dose interval

The following groups should receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the second dose interval as indicated in the product monographs:

- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and Assisted Living facilities, as these groups are at the greatest risk of both exposure to COVID-19 and serious illness and death.
 - Please note: the Ministry has not designated any eligible Assisted Living Facilities in Huron Perth to qualify for the dose interval indicated in product monographs.
- Transplant recipients (including solid organ transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants).
- Stable, active treatment for malignant hematologic disorders and non-hematologic solid tumour (excluding individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy).
 - If you have one of the above two medical conditions, please contact your primary care provider.
- Individuals undergoing hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Indigenous adults
- Eligible [high-risk health care workers](#)
- Essential Caregivers of long-term care and retirement homes
 - Please note: this does not include primary essential caregivers. Primary essential caregivers will receive their second dose of vaccine at the extended dose interval of 16 weeks.