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WHAT'S NEW

- Information for healthcare providers and pharmacists regarding out of province/country vaccinations

Vaccine eligibility

- Individuals age 12 or older are eligible for Pfizer-BioNTech (must be minimum 12 years or older at time of vaccination)
- Individuals age 18 or older are eligible for Moderna (must be minimum 18 years or older at time of vaccination)
- Individuals who are 12 or older, and have received their 1st dose of mRNA vaccine, are eligible to book a second dose 28 days after their first dose.
- See Complete Eligibility List for second doses in Appendix A

Vaccine availability

- 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.
- Several pharmacies also offer Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Please visit [COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccine Locations](#) to learn more.

Vaccine mixing

- Pfizer and Moderna are interchangeable mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, as endorsed by the Public Health Agency of Canada, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), and the Ontario Ministry of Health. This means that you can receive one vaccine for your first dose and the other vaccine for your second dose.

- Being fully vaccinated is very important. Two doses of vaccine – whether the same product or a mix of two vaccines – provides safe and highly effective protection against the COVID-19 virus and variants, including the highly transmissible Delta variant. It will also count as a completed vaccination series.
- HPMVAC strongly encourages everyone to get their vaccine as soon as possible, and to make their second dose a priority once they are eligible. The more people who are fully vaccinated, the less chance of COVID-19 spreading in our communities, especially now the Delta Variant.
- Vaccine supply is not predictable enough at this time to be able to state in advance which HPPH clinics will be Moderna or Pfizer. In order to ensure everyone who booked an appointment will get a vaccine we cannot guarantee one product or the other.
 - All HPPH clinics will be mRNA clinics providing either Moderna or Pfizer.
 - At this time only Pfizer can be provided to youth 12-17. Adults 18+ will be provided with Moderna or Pfizer.
- Individuals can also book an appointment for a vaccination at a participating pharmacy. For a list of local pharmacies and which vaccine they are administering, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations> .
 - If you book an appointment at a pharmacy, please cancel your HPPH appointment by completing the online form at www.hpph.ca/cancellation or call us on our booking line at 833-753-2098.

Second doses

For individuals who received mRNA vaccine as first dose

- Currently anyone aged 12 or over, who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) as their first dose, can book their second dose appointment for a future HPPH clinic at least 28 days after their first dose.
- At this time only Pfizer can be provided to youth 12-17, in keeping with age requirements.
- Vaccination appointments can be made at HPPH clinics or pharmacies.
- Please see AstraZeneca section for further information on second doses for AstraZeneca.
- Certain medical conditions are not only eligible for the shortened interval, but should be done as close as possible to the interval on the product monograph.
 - If you received an mRNA vaccine as your first dose AND fall under the following conditions:
 - Individuals on immunosuppressive therapy who are taking an anti-CD20 agent (e.g., rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab)
 - Please speak to your healthcare provider first, as they can help you with the best timing for your vaccine given your treatment plan.
 - Transplant recipients (including solid organ transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants)
 - Malignant hemotologic disorders on immunocompromising therapy (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy)
 - Nonhemotologic malignant solid tumors on immunocompromising therapy (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy); excludes individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy
 - Individuals with an imminent start date for any of above therapies or treatments.
 - then we will try to book you as close to product monograph as possible. Call HPPH if an appointment time within 28 days (of your first dose) is not available.

For individuals who received AstraZeneca as first dose

- If you received AstraZeneca as your first dose, you should receive your second vaccine (AZ or an mRNA) 8-12 weeks later for optimal immune response. (Note the interval related to mRNA 2nd doses may change with the availability of supply). Some people, in consultation with their health care provider, may need to book earlier than 8-12 weeks due to their medical treatment schedule.
- Ontarians who received their first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine can choose to either receive a second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, or an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine for their second dose.
 - Both of these options are safe and provide strong protection against COVID-19. In addition, they will count as a completed vaccine series.
 - Both options are at a recommended 8-12-week interval except for the following:

- An individual should talk to their healthcare provider if they have one of the following conditions and an 8-12-week interval would affect the timing of their treatment:
 - Individuals on Immunosuppressive Therapy - Individuals in the authorized age group who are taking an anti-CD20 agent (e.g., rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab)
 - 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).
 - Individuals undergoing hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
 - Individuals with an imminent start date for any of above therapies or treatments.

Opting for AstraZeneca as your second dose:

- Individuals who received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine and who would like their second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine (provided at the 8 to 12-week interval), can contact the pharmacy where they received their first dose to book an appointment.
- Anyone who went to the April 20 or April 22 Primary Care AstraZeneca clinics in Goderich or Stratford can contact a participating local pharmacy that may have AstraZeneca second doses.
 - **Bayfield:** [Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy](#)
 - **Exeter:** [Your Independent Grocer](#)
 - **Goderich:** [Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy](#)
 - **Listowel:** [Listowel Remedy's Rx](#)
 - **Mitchell:** [Walther's IDA Pharmacy](#)
 - **St. Marys:** [Jackson's Guardian Pharmacy](#)
 - Please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations> for a list of other participating pharmacies across the province who may have AstraZeneca.
- If you're not able to get to a participating pharmacy and you want AstraZeneca as your second dose, contact your primary care provider.

Opting for an mRNA vaccine as your second dose:

- Eligible individuals who received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine and would like a second dose of mRNA vaccine (provided at the 8 to 12-week interval) can schedule their second dose appointment at a future HPPH clinic through the HPPH online or telephone booking system.
OR
- Individuals may also book their second dose appointment at a participating pharmacy where the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are administered.
OR
- Visit your primary care provider's website or contact the office for details on how they are administering vaccines.

How to book a second dose

- 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.
- 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, book at an HPPH community clinic for your second dose OR visit your primary care provider's website or contact the office for details on how they are administering vaccines.

- 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.
- Remember that Pfizer and Moderna are interchangeable mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. This means that you can receive one vaccine for your first dose and the other vaccine for your second dose.
- Vaccine supply is not predictable enough at this time to be able to state in advance which HPPH clinics will be Moderna or Pfizer. In order to ensure everyone who booked an appointment will get a vaccine we cannot guarantee one product or the other.
 - All HPPH clinics will be mRNA clinics providing either Moderna or Pfizer.
 - At this time only Pfizer can be provided to youth 12-17. Adults 18+ will be provided with Moderna or Pfizer.
- If you want to rebook into a different clinic, you must first cancel your current appointment. However, please remember that we cannot guarantee which vaccine will be available at a future appointment.
- You can also book an appointment for a vaccination at a participating pharmacy. You can see a list of local pharmacies and which vaccine they are administering by visiting <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>. If you book an appointment at a pharmacy, please cancel your HPPH appointment by completing the online form at www.hpph.ca/cancellation or call us on our booking line at 833-753-2098.

About HPPH Clinics

- HPPH continues to add vaccine clinics as vaccine supply is confirmed. Please check www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking for latest availability.
 - Many youth ages 12-17 in Huron-Perth received their first dose between June 14 – June 26. These youths can take advantage of appointments at HPPH clinics the week of July 26-31; however an appointment can be made during any available clinic date that is at least 28 days after first dose.
- Please remember that there are no walk-in, same-day doses available at HPPH clinics **unless we announce a walk-in clinic. These announcements will be made on media or social media:**
 - www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth
 - www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth
- Please do not come to an HPPH clinic if you have not been given an appointment time OR if a walk-in has not been announced. There will not be vaccine doses available.
- Book an appointment at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking or by calling 1-833-753-2098. Online booking is recommended due to high call volumes.
- We thank everyone who are cancelling unneeded appointments as we still need to reduce no-shows. **Please continue to cancel any unneeded appointments.** Go to <http://www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking> and choose the **Click Here to Cancel your Appointment** box or call the booking line at 1-833-753-2098; press 2 (two). Please include your first and last name and the date, time, and location of your scheduled appointment.
- If possible, please bring a completed Consent form found at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking under “Before your appointment”.

Registering a vaccination received outside of Ontario or Canada

- If you have received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine outside of the Province of Ontario, you should provide your proof of immunization to Huron Perth Public Health. HPPH will add it to COVaxON, the provincial vaccination system.
- Ensuring vaccination information is up-to-date allows individuals to:
 - Book a second dose appointment (for those who have only received one dose of a two-dose vaccine).
 - Receive an Ontario vaccination receipt which can be used to show immunization status.
 - Share their COVID-19 immunization records with their health care providers and for other uses required by provincial law.
- Having more complete vaccination coverage information also helps the province as it uses vaccination coverage to help inform re-opening plans.
- Easily register vaccinations received outside of Ontario or Canada at www.hpph.ca/vaccine and click the button

that says “Submit your **COVID-19 Out-of-Province Dose Documentation**”.

Information for healthcare providers and pharmacists

- If an individual has received the recommended dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine that has not been approved by Health Canada but is listed for emergency use by the WHO (e.g. Sinopharm, Janssen), this will be considered as valid dose(s). We do not recommend additional doses at this time. These individuals should submit their documentation to the HPPH online form and we will enter into COVax ON.
- More information can be found here: [COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada](#)
- WHO list of approved vaccines is at bottom of this page: [COVID-19 vaccines | World Health Organization](#)

Current Vaccination progress

- We remain very pleased by the high vaccine uptake in our region. Youth aged 12-17 were prioritized for vaccinations between June 14 and 26, and 54.4% of individuals in that age group have now received a first dose.
- As of July 2, we are reporting 131,394 vaccine doses administered in Huron Perth by HPPH and partners.
- For Huron Perth residents aged 12 and over, 73.2% have received one dose of vaccine, and 34% are fully vaccinated. For those aged 18 and over (the metric the province is using for the Roadmap to Reopen), 75% have received one dose and 37% are fully vaccinated.
- 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](#).

Also remember

- Anyone who has received a first dose, or both doses, of a COVID-19 vaccine must continue to follow all public health measures as described in Reopening Ontario legislation because a significant number of our population must be vaccinated with both doses 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. We anticipate that updated provincial guidance for fully vaccinated individuals is pending.

For More Information

Please visit www.hp-ph.ca/vaccine for more information, or contact your HPMVAC sector representative. The HPMVAC membership list is available at www.hp-ph.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 – Individuals eligible for shortened second-dose interval

For individuals who received mRNA vaccine as first dose

The following groups, if they have received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) as a first dose, are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at a shortened second dose interval (less than 16 weeks after first dose), depending on vaccine supply

- Individuals who are 12 or older, and have received their 1st dose of mRNA vaccine. ***NEW**

Groups who should receive second dose as close to product monograph as possible:

- Individuals on Immunosuppressive Therapy - Individuals in the authorized age group who are taking an anti-CD20 agent (e.g., rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab)
 - Please speak to your healthcare provider first, as they can help you with the best timing for your vaccine given your treatment plan.
- 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
- Individuals with an imminent start date for any of above therapies or treatments.

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