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VACCINATION PROGRAM IN HURON-PERTH

Vaccine eligibility

- Phase Two eligibility continues, dependent on vaccine supply.
- 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)
- 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 an mRNA vaccine at the appropriate interval (generally 16 weeks, with some groups receiving second dose earlier).
 - Note: Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines
- Several pharmacies offer Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Please visit [COVID-19 Pharmacy Vaccine Locations](#) to learn more.
- Ontarians who received a first dose of an mRNA vaccine should be offered the same mRNA vaccine for their second dose. If the same mRNA vaccine is not readily available, another mRNA vaccine can be offered instead to complete the vaccine series.

Second doses

For individuals who received mRNA vaccine as first dose

- HPMVAC and partners are gradually introducing shortened second-dose intervals for people who received an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine as their first dose, in keeping with provincial direction.
- Shortened interval means that you are eligible to receive your second dose less than 16 weeks after your first dose, based on appointment availability and vaccine supply. The absolute minimum shortened second dose interval is the interval listed on the product monograph.
- **These shortened intervals apply to people who have received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) as their first dose. Please see AstraZeneca section for further information on second doses for AZ.**
- Vaccination appointments can be made at HPPH clinics or pharmacies.
- Currently the following groups, who have received an mRNA vaccine as their first dose, can book their second dose appointment for a future HPPH clinic at a shortened interval:
 - Individuals aged 70 and older (born in 1951 or earlier)
 - Anyone who received their first vaccine dose on or before April 18, 2021.
- The above groups can also contact a participating pharmacy for a second dose appointment at a shortened interval
- 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 are eligible due to 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 hematologic disorders on immunocompromising therapy (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy)
 - Nonhematologic malignant solid tumors on immunocompromising therapy (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy); excludes individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy
 - And your first dose of vaccine was mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna), 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) 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 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 12-week interval except for the following:
 - An individual should talk to their healthcare provider if they have one of the following conditions and a 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) *NEW
 - 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

- Early eligibility also applies to
 - Residents in Long-term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Elder Care Lodges, Assisted Living facilities
 - All First Nations, Inuit & Metis (including non-Indigenous partners, immediate household members and adolescents aged 12-17)
 - [Eligible high-risk health care workers](#)
- 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 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 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. Please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations> for a list of local participating pharmacies.
- 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 12-week interval) can schedule their second dose appointment at a future HPPH clinic through the HPPH online or telephone booking system.
 - Individuals may also book their second dose appointment at a participating pharmacy where the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are administered.

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.
- We continue to send out reminder emails where possible, but 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.
 - 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.
- 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 June 9, we are reporting 88,802 vaccine doses administered in Huron Perth by HPPH and partners, primary care and pharmacies.
- For Huron Perth residents age 16 and older, 83,798 or 69% have received one dose of vaccine, and 11,081 or 9.1% 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](#).

About HPPH Clinics

- HPPH clinics are currently booking appointments into the last week of June and will open up bookings into July shortly.
- Over the next few weeks HPPH and partners will welcome about 4,000 youth ages 12-17 to our vaccination clinics
- Please remember that there are no walk-in, same-day doses available at HPPH clinics. Please do not come to an HPPH clinic if you have not been given an appointment time, as there will not be an opportunity to receive vaccine.
- 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. A new feature has been added to the website to easily cancel 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.
- HPPH continues to add vaccine clinics as vaccine supply is confirmed. Please check our website for latest clinic availability.
- If possible, please bring a completed Consent form that you received with your booking confirmation.

Also remember

- **“Once eligible, always eligible”** 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 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.

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

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

APPENDIX B – 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

- Anyone who received their first vaccine dose on or before April 18, 2021.
- Individuals aged 70 and older (born in 1951 or earlier)
- 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.
- 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.

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

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- 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.
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