



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

At this time we are in Phase 1 of the Provincial COVID-19 vaccination plan and are focusing on the current priority groups:

- Adults 80 years of age and older, or who will be turning 80 in 2021.
- Staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors.
- Health care workers in the High Priority level, and in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance on [Health Care Worker Prioritization](#).
- Indigenous adults 55+.
- Adult recipients of chronic home care.

Individuals with **high-risk chronic health conditions will be prioritized in Phase 2** after all reasonable steps have been taken to complete first-dose vaccinations to those in Phase 1. **Please do not advise patients in Phase 2 to attend the COVID-19 vaccine clinics** as they cannot be accommodated at this time.

If individuals receive chronic home care services they will need to provide proof. Examples of proof include: a letter from the local LHIN (e.g. from a welcome package or any other correspondence), a service provider contract, a letter from a funding organization (if hiring their own home care supports), or any other reasonable proof of service.

Patients may book vaccines through the following websites or by calling the call centre booking lines. At this time Durham is not using the provincial booking system.

- durham.ca/vaccineappointment; Call Centre Booking Line - 1- 888-444-5113
- covidvaccine.lh.ca (Oshawa location only); Call Centre Booking Line - 905-721-4828

The Health Department has created a YouTube video where a public health nurse walks through one of the COVID-19 immunization clinics to demonstrate the process from registration to immunization and recovery - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=y5kC6pHe8E4&feature=youtu.be/> (also found on the Durham Health YouTube channel).

Additional municipal locations will be opening in the coming days and weeks depending on vaccine availability. We will provide additional opening and booking information as soon as it is available. You can see the list of current municipal sites at durham.ca/covidvaccines.

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