## COVID-19 Vaccine Spring 2024 Recommendations Update to York Region health care professionals as of April 10, 2024

Ontario's spring COVID-19 vaccine campaign will run from April to June 2024. Individuals who are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 may receive an additional dose of an XBB COVID-19 vaccine in Spring 2024.

The following individuals may receive an additional XBB COVID-19 vaccine dose this spring:

- Adults 65 years and older
- Adult residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings for seniors
- Individuals 6 months of age and older who are <u>moderately to severely immunocompromised</u> (due to an underlying condition or treatment)
- Individuals 55 years and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit or Metis and their non-Indigenous household members who are 55 years and older

Eligible individuals (listed above) may receive an XBB COVID-19 vaccine if it has been 6 months or more since their last dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or a known SARS-CoV-2 infection (whichever is later). A dose may be administered at a minimum interval of 3 months to accommodate individual health factors that may put that individual at higher risk. Those who have not been previously vaccinated may also receive a dose at this time.

All other previously vaccinated individuals, including those who did not receive an XBB COVID-19 vaccine in Fall 2023, are **not** currently recommended to receive a vaccine dose in Spring 2024 unless specifically recommended to receive a dose by their health care professional.

Those now eligible for an additional XBB COVID-19 vaccine dose may book an appointment at a <u>York Region Public Health clinic</u> or visit a participating pharmacy.

## **York Region Public Health Vaccine Clinics**

York Region Public Health vaccine clinics are offering limited appointments for COVID-19 vaccination for eligible individuals this spring.

Due to further capacity reductions, it is expected that York Region Public Health will only be able to offer limited appointments for COVID-19 vaccination in Fall 2024.

If your clinic would like to begin administering COVID-19 vaccines, please contact us to initiate the onboarding process. For onboarding questions, please contact the Vaccine Inventory program at vaccineinventory@york.ca or 1-877-464-9675, ext. 74033.

## RSV season has ended

As the RSV season is over in Ontario this year, the Arexvy RSV vaccine program will wind down. Information on the 2024-25 RSV vaccination program will be made available before the next fall respiratory season.

## Contact Us

For more information, call our Vaccine-Preventable Diseases team at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73452.

