

70 and Older Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination Starting March 23

Update to York Region health care providers as of March 22, 2021

On March 23, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. York Region will expand the eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines to all those **70 years of age and older** (born in 1951 or earlier.) In addition, on March 15, 2021 we expanded eligibility to all High Priority health care workers, as defined in the [Province of Ontario's vaccine distribution plan](#). This means that [all health care workers that see patients or clients in person](#) are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

All eligible individuals can book an appointment at york.ca/COVID19Vaccine. York Region Public Health is working with our local health care partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines at the following clinic locations:

- **NEW LOCATION – Aaniin Community Centre** located in the City of Markham, operated by York Region Public Health (opening Tuesday, March 23, 2021)
- **Cornell Community Centre** located in the City of Markham, operated by Eastern York Region North Durham (EYRND) Ontario Health Team (OHT)
- **Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital** located in the City of Vaughan, operated by Mackenzie Health
- **Georgina Ice Palace** located in the Town of Georgina, operated by York Region Public Health
- **Maple Community Centre** located in the City of Vaughan, operated by York Region Public Health
- **Ray Twinney Recreation Complex** located in the Town of Newmarket, operated by Southlake Regional Health Centre
- **Richmond Green Sports Centre** located in the City of Richmond Hill, operated by York Region Public Health

Those eligible in previous priority groups are still able to get vaccinated if they haven't already, including long-term care and retirement home staff. A complete list of eligible individuals can be found at york.ca/COVID19Vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine second dose interval extended to 16 weeks

The Ministry of Health recently announced the province will be following [recommendations](#) made by Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) to increase the interval between all Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines to up to 16 weeks.

Effective immediately as required by the Ministry of Health, any pre-booked second dose appointments will be rescheduled approximately 16 weeks after the first appointment. People currently booking their first appointment are automatically booked for a second appointment 16 weeks following the first.

The following high-priority groups will continue to receive the vaccine at the initial recommended intervals (21 days for Pfizer-BioNTech and 28 days for Moderna):

- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges and assisted living facilities
- Remote and isolated First Nation communities (currently supported by Operation Remote Immunity)

Centre for Effective Practice resource centre on COVID-19 vaccines

As vaccines continue to roll out across the province, the Centre for Effective Practice (CEP) has developed a resource centre with a specific focus on [COVID-19: Vaccines](#).

The vaccine site is part of CEP's [COVID-19 Resource Centre](#), an actively updated resource hub that helps health care providers adapt their practice



to the changing environment based on the latest best-available evidence, policies, and recommendations.

[The COVID-19: Vaccines resource](#) is designed to help health care providers to counsel patients about the different types of vaccines available to build confidence and address hesitancy, and will help you navigate the administration, operations, and distribution logistics of COVID-19 vaccines.

Background

This resource was developed by the [Centre for Effective Practice](#), with support from the several medical associations and alike, using a rapidly-modified version of the CEP's integrated knowledge translation approach.

It is one of several clinical resources developed as part of the [Knowledge Translation in Primary Care Initiative](#). Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health, this initiative supports primary care providers with the development of a series of clinical tools and health information resources.

The Ministry of Health and the CEP are working closely to ensure this resource is up-to-date and responsive to concerns and questions arising “on-the-ground” and offers health care providers’ a one-stop shop for all of your current COVID-19 related needs.

For more information, visit [COVID-19 Resource Centre](#).

Questions? Contact York Region Public Health

If you have questions about COVID-19 or COVID-19 vaccines, call the York Region Public Health phone line for health care professionals at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or visit york.ca/healthprofessionals