



Dear Family Medicine Patient,

The purpose of this email is to provide you with an update of COVID 19 vaccination booking options. New this week, people age 75 years and older can book a vaccine appointment at a provincial vaccine clinic.

PHASE 1 - Booking vaccination appointments for eligible patients AGE 75 and up:

Eligible patients can register on the provincial site using booking link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/ontarios-covid-19-vaccination-plan> or by phone on the provincial vaccine booking line at **1-833-943-3900** (TTY 1-866-797-0007) - Open 8:00AM -8:00PM 7 days per week in 300 languages

Eligible patients are:

- Adults over 75 years old
- Seniors living in congregate settings
- Health care workers
- Adults in First Nations, Métis and Inuit populations (any age)
- Adults receiving at home chronic care and their caregivers (for these appointments, LHIN coordinators are contacting people directly for appointments).

Patients ages 60 and older:

Vaccinations for patients aged 60 and older (born in 1961 or prior) can book an appointment at pharmacy locations across the province. Here is a link to help you find a pharmacy if you are in this age group:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations>

First Nations, Metis and Inuit populations

Call Auntie provides online and telephone support for COVID-19 vaccine booking for First Nations, Inuit and Metis people in Tkaronto's hospitals, pharmacies and Indigenous led clinics. Contact <http://www.tkarontovaccines.com> to book or get telephone support.

PHASE 2 – to be begin in early April:

Please check the following website which provides up-to-date information on the province's plans for the vaccine rollout including details on Phase 2. Please check back to this website regularly for updates.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario#how-to-get-a-vaccine>

Our Family Health Team:

We do not currently have the vaccine in our office and do not know if/when we will be receiving it. There are a few family practices across the provinces that are being set up as Pilot trial sites to administer the vaccine but these are few and far between.

We will let you know if and when we receive vaccines to vaccinate our patients.

YOUR Frequently ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1) Which vaccine should I get?
All of the current vaccines available in Ontario have been approved by Health Canada. Our recommendation is to get the first vaccine available to you as the risks of COVID-19 outweigh the risks of any of the vaccines.
- 2) When will the vaccine be given in the clinic?
At this time we do not currently have the vaccine in our office and do not know if/when we will be receiving it.
- 3) Can I request for a specific vaccine?
We do not know in advance which vaccine you will receive as it depends on the supply that week and the clinic that you are going to. The COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario have been through rigorous safety checks by Health Canada. You are encouraged to accept the first vaccine you are offered. For more information about the vaccines, please visit the [UHN vaccine info page](#).
- 4) Can I get a letter indicating I should get (a specific vaccine)?
No, it is not possible for patients or physicians to request a specific vaccine.
- 5) Can I get a letter indicating I require my 2nd dose of COVID vaccine sooner than the 4 month interval?
At this time, the Ministry of Health/Toronto Public Health has mandated the 4 month interval. Vaccination Clinics/Physician offices are unable to adjust the timing of the second dose.

Thank you,

The Mount Sinai Academic Family Health Team