

Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals

COVID-19 Vaccine Expanded Fourth Dose Eligibility

On April 6, 2022, the Ministry of Health **expanded** eligibility for a **fourth dose (second booster)** of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following:

- Individuals 60 years of age and older
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over.

Eligible individuals can receive a fourth dose at an interval of at least **140 days** (5 months) **after receiving their third dose (first booster dose)**. With informed consent, individuals may receive a fourth dose at a minimum of 84 days (3 months) after their third dose.

When offering Moderna as the fourth dose, a full dose of Moderna (i.e., 100mcg) should be given to individuals 70 years and older; however, **a half dose of Moderna (i.e., 50mcg) should be given to individuals 69 years and younger**. Full doses of Pfizer (i.e., 30mcg) are to be given to all eligible individuals receiving fourth doses.

Individuals are invited to **book fourth dose appointments** at Durham Region Health Department community immunization clinics, beginning on April 7 by visiting www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment or by calling the appointment booking line 1-888-444-5113. Walk-in appointments will not be available.

Additional vaccine opportunities are available at pop-up and mobile clinics, health care providers who are administering COVID-19 vaccines and at participating pharmacies.

Further details about COVID-19 vaccine clinic opportunities are available at www.durham.ca/covidvaccines.

For more information about expanded forth dose eligibility, visit Ministry of Health COVID-19 Third Dose and Booster Recommendations.

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