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For Health Care Professionals



## Routine & High-Risk Immunizations: Extended Eligibility Update

Due to the COVID-19 response, many eligible individuals are not up-to-date with publicly funded vaccinations. To ensure that individuals and Durham Region remain safe from vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs), and to maintain a high level of herd immunity, it is important that routine vaccinations are provided despite the continued circulation of COVID-19. Accordingly, the Ministry of Health has **extended eligibility for routine immunizations and high-risk individuals**.

Refer to chart below for applicable vaccines, eligible cohorts, and deadlines to receive missed doses.

Vaccine & Product	Current Eligibility	Impacted Cohorts	Eligible For Missed Doses Until
HZ (Shingrix)	65 to 70 years	Seniors born in 1949,1950,1951,1952	December 31, 2023
HPV-9 (Gardasil 9)	Males 9 to 26 years	Males born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996	December 31, 2023
4CMenB (Bexsero)	2 months to 17 years	Individuals born 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005	December 31, 2023
Men-C-ACYW135 (Nimenrix)	9 months to 55 years	Individuals born in 1964*, 1965*, 1966*, 1967	December 31, 2023

\*High-risk individuals born 1964 to 1966 (55 years of age in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively) are eligible for two doses of Men-C-ACYW135.

We encourage you to identify eligible individuals and offer vaccines at the earliest opportunity, including:

- individuals due or overdue for any vaccine, prioritizing children and adolescents.
- individuals who require their primary vaccination series.
- individuals at increased risk for acquiring and/or transmitting VPDs (e.g., health care workers), and those at risk of VPD complications.

Please review <u>Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario</u> and the <u>Canadian</u> <u>Immunization Guide</u> for additional information on **vaccines**, **schedules** and **intervals**.

Vaccine order forms are available at <u>durham.ca/hcp</u> (Found under "Forms" > "Order").

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