



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

Newly Added Eligibility (Phase 2)

- Adults 60 years of age and older, or who will be turning 60 in 2021 will be eligible to book an appointment on April 8 at 6 p.m.
- Residents 50-plus living in provincially identified "hot spots" in Ajax and Pickering within postal codes L1S, L1T, L1V, L1X and L1Z will be eligible to book an appointment on April 8 at 6 p.m.
- Individuals with health conditions, starting with Highest-Risk and High-Risk health conditions
 - **Highest-Risk Health Conditions include:**
 - Organ transplant recipients; Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients; Neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised (e.g., motor neuron disease, myasthenia gravis, multiple sclerosis); Blood cancer diagnosed < 1 year; Kidney disease with eGFR < 30.
 - Individuals in the Highest-Risk group may have their main essential caregiver* vaccinated.
 - **High-Risk Health Conditions include:**
 - Obesity (BMI > 40); Other treatments causing immunosuppression (e.g., chemotherapy, immunity weakening medications); Intellectual or developmental disabilities (e.g., Down Syndrome).
 - Individuals in the High-Risk group may have their main essential caregiver* vaccinated.
- High-Risk Congregate Living Settings
 - Residents, essential caregivers and staff in High-risk congregate living settings (residential facilities where a high-risk client population live or stay overnight and use shared spaces e.g., common sleeping areas, shared bathrooms, shared kitchens, communal dining spaces). Includes supportive housing, developmental services/intervenor including independent living, adult correctional facilities, children's residential facilities (residents over 16, staff and foster parents).
 - Essential caregivers* are included for the following congregate settings: developmental services, mental health and addictions congregate settings, homes for special care, children's residential facilities, and Indigenous healing and wellness facilities.

***An essential caregiver** is someone providing direct, frequent and sustained in-person personal care and/or assistance with activities of daily living to the individual

To see **all** eligible populations and for the most up to date information, please visit our website for the most up to date information www.durham.ca/covidvaccine

905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



Clients who are pregnant, breastfeeding, immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment, have an autoimmune or uncontrolled bleeding disorder will need to have a consult with a health care provider before receiving a vaccine at one of our community clinics.

They will not be able to get their vaccine unless they talk to their specialist, doctor or nurse practitioner. Please do not refer them to the Health Department.

How to Book a Vaccine Appointment

If you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, you can book an appointment two ways:

1. Visit www.durhamvaccinebooking.ca
2. Call 1-888-444-5113 for assistance to register by phone

To book an appointment you will need:

1. Telephone number (home phone or cell phone)
2. Home address including postal code
3. Email address (can be a family member)
4. Health Card Number (if available)

Vaccination clinics will be open in each municipality in Durham Region based on vaccine supply. Visit www.durham.ca/covidvaccine to find a clinic near you as well as FAQs about COVID-19 vaccines.

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