



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine

Third Dose Eligibility Expanded

On November 3, 2021, the Ministry of Health approved a third (or booster) dose of COVID-19 vaccine for the **following eligible populations** at an **interval of six months** (168 days) from their second dose:

- Individuals age 70 and older (born in 1951 or earlier)
- Health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers (For complete list refer to Ministry of Health recommendations found at [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#))
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine); and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults (18 years of age and older) and their non-Indigenous household members.

Either Pfizer or Moderna vaccines may be used as a third dose (regardless of which COVID-19 vaccine was used in the primary series).

When offering Moderna as the third 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 third doses.

Individuals are invited to book third dose appointments at Durham Region Health Department community clinics, health care providers who are administering COVID-19 vaccines and at participating pharmacies.

Beginning November 4, individuals can begin **booking third dose appointments** through the Health Department appointment booking portal at www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment or by calling the appointment booking line at 1-888-444-5113.

As of November 7, community immunization clinics will require **booked appointments for all second and third doses**.

Full details about the dates and locations of community immunization clinics can be found at www.durham.ca/covidvaccines.

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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.

