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For Health Care Professionals



## **COVID-19 Vaccine: Fifth Dose Eligibility**

On May 2, 2022, the Ministry of Health **expanded** booster dose eligibility to include a second booster (**fifth dose**) for individuals who are **moderately to severely immunocompromised** and received a **3-dose primary series**.

These immunocompromised individuals must also belong to one of the following groups:

- **Individuals 60 years of age and older**
- **First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over**
- **Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges and older adults living in other congregate settings**

The interval for second booster (fifth dose) is as follows:

- **Individuals 60 years of age and older**
  - recommended interval of at least **140 days** (five months) **after receiving their first booster** (fourth dose). With informed consent, individuals may receive a fifth dose at a minimum interval of 84 days (3 months) after their first booster dose.
- **First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over**
  - recommended interval of at least **140 days** (five months) **after receiving their first booster** (fourth dose). With informed consent, individuals may receive a fifth dose at a minimum interval of 84 days (3 months) after their first booster dose.
- **Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges and older adults living in other congregate settings**
  - recommended interval of at least **84 days** (three months) **after receiving their first booster** (fourth dose).

Details about COVID-19 vaccine clinic opportunities are available at [www.durham.ca/covidvaccines](http://www.durham.ca/covidvaccines).

For more information about expanded fifth dose eligibility, visit Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Recommendations](#).

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