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Dear Patients,

The information around vaccines is changing so rapidly that we fear a newsletter will be out of date by the time you read it.

Eligibility and access to vaccines is different in different parts of the province. In Toronto, you are currently eligible for a vaccine if you belong to one of the following groups:

- 75 years of age and older through hospitals and Ontario Health Teams
- 70 years or older in 2021, at mass vaccination clinics, some hospitals and participating pharmacies
- 60-69 years old in 2021 through participating pharmacies
- Front line health workers
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis adults
- Chronic home health care recipients
- Residents and staff in long-term care homes, assisted living homes, First Nations Elder care homes and retirement homes
- Essential caregivers for care home residents
- Personal support workers

As of March 31, all second doses will be 16 weeks apart with the following exceptions: people in long-term care, retirement homes and seniors' homes; First Nations persons living in remote communities; organ transplant recipients; people undergoing chemotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer (not radiation or hormone therapy).

The links and resources below are reliable and regularly updated. Please use them for current information about how to determine if you are eligible for a vaccine and where to access them.

Toronto Hospitals and Ontario Health Teams – ages 70+ and chronic conditions

Appointments for hospital and OHT clinics can be booked through:

- vaccine.to
- 1-888-385-1910

City/Public Health Mass Immunization Clinics – ages 70+

Six city-run mass immunizations clinics are now up and running. These clinics are administering Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

Appointments for city-run mass vaccination clinics in Toronto and other regions can be booked through:

- www.ontario.ca/BookVaccine
- 1-888-999-6488 (Ontario Call Centre)

Community Pharmacies – ages 55+

Community pharmacies are continuing to offer the AstraZeneca vaccine. Over 700 pharmacies across Ontario are expected to be offering COVID-19 vaccines by April 1. [Eligible individuals](#) can continue to [contact a participating pharmacy directly](#) to make an appointment.

For information about vaccines see the following [FAQs](#) and [videos](#)

Thank you all for that you have done to keep yourselves, your loved ones, and your communities safe. Thank you to those frontline workers who continue to provide the services that keep us all functioning.

We look forward to the time when the vaccine allows us to return to a life that is more connected. In the meantime –

Wear a mask, keep your distance, wash your hands. AND be calm, be safe, be kind.

Warmly,

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