

COVID-19 UPDATE: MASS VACCINE CLINIC THIS WEEKEND AT SCOTIABANK ARENA AND INFO ON MIXING VACCINES

Toronto Vaccine Day at Scotiabank Arena

On this Sunday, June 27th 2021 clinic partners, led by UHN and MGH, are planning to vaccinate more than 10,000 people in order to break the Canadian single day clinic record.

First doses are available to:

- Anyone 12 or older

Second doses available to:

- Anyone who received a first dose AstraZeneca vaccine before May 1.
- Anyone who received a first dose of Pfizer or Moderna prior to May 30.

Appointments will be required for the clinic. Appointments can be booked by residents through the dark blue “Book a Vaccine” button on www.toronto.ca/covid-19 or by calling the provincial vaccine booking line at **1-833-943-3900**.

The clinic will be administering primarily the Moderna vaccine, with very limited Pfizer doses reserved for youth ages 12 to 17 with confirmed appointments. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are incredibly similar with near identical efficacy rates and the “mixed mRNA model” (mixing Pfizer and Moderna for first and second dose) as well as a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine followed by a second dose mRNA vaccine is approved by both the federal and provincial governments.

Ride for Free to Get Your Vaccine on Toronto Vaccine Day

The TTC (Including UP Express) and Metrolinx will be offering free rides to and from booked appointments at any vaccination clinic in Toronto ON Sunday, June 27th, 2021. Riders taking transit will be asked to show proof of booking on the trip to their appointment and the confirmation of their shot will be their return ticket. This offer is also being extended to staff and volunteers supporting the clinic (with appropriate identification).

To easily connect to resources including vaccine appointment bookings, information on vaccines and upcoming telephone town halls, Toronto residents can text “VACCINE” to 1-833-750-0888 or 833-750-0888 for more information.

Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines: Is There a Difference?

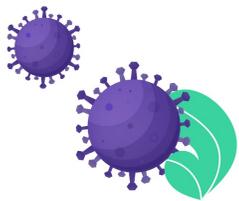
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The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are essentially identical – they are both very effective, very safe, and well studied.



The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are essentially the same product made by different companies.

They are like two brands of bottled water – the same product but packaged by different companies.



The vaccines work the same way – they are both mRNA vaccines.

They both provide instructions (“mRNA”) to teach your body's immune system to recognize the COVID virus so that you can fight off infection if the real virus enters your body in the future. The vaccines do not contain the virus.



Both vaccines are very effective in protecting against COVID illness.

In large scientific studies, both vaccines were found to be about 95% effective in preventing COVID illness after 2 doses.

Studies show they are both very effective in preventing COVID-related hospitalization or death in the rare event that a vaccinated person gets infected.



Both vaccines have similar side effects, which are mild and temporary.

The most common possible side effects include shoulder/arm pain at the site of injection, body and muscle pains, chills, feeling tired and feeling feverish. These side effects typically improve in about one to three days.

Neither vaccine negatively affects pregnancies or your ability to have children. Neither vaccine causes blood clots.

Both vaccines are injected into the upper arm – very quickly and with very little discomfort. One vaccine is not more painful than the other.

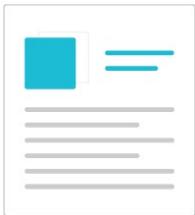


Vaccination clinics and sites receive either of the vaccines, depending on which vaccine is available.

The deliveries of each vaccine to Canada can vary from week to week.



The Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines are equally effective. Take whichever one is offered to you, knowing that they will both protect you and the people you love from getting sick from COVID-19.



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