

The Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team

Serving the residents of Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations, and the County and City of Peterborough



COVID-19 Vaccine

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COVID-19 Vaccine Status

Peterborough is continuing to receive more supply of the vaccine. The province has confirmed that we will have enough supply to vaccinate all residents 80 years and older with their first dose of the vaccine before the end of the month.

Our vaccination partners are continuing to run vaccine clinics at PRHC and in congregate living settings for seniors. The hospital clinic is focusing on the highest priority healthcare workers, and the staff and care-givers in retirement homes and long-term care facilities. Peterborough Public Health continues to provide mobile teams to immunize the residents of these settings, as well as supporting Curve Lake First Nation in their vaccination clinics this week.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has issued two recent recommendations. Last week, NACI recommended that AstraZeneca can be used for populations 18-65 years old. This week, NACI has recommended that the dosing interval for all COVID-19 vaccines can be extended to 4 months.

On March 5, Health Canada announced the approval of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. More details to come on how this will be integrated into Peterborough's plan. Public education on AstraZeneca's and Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is being planned for the coming weeks.

Phase 1 Planning

Peterborough is participating in a pilot project of the provincial booking system, COVax, before it is launched on March 15th. Retirement Home staff have been asked to participate.

PIVPT continues to plan for 80+ vaccine clinics. This population will be using the COVax system to book an appointment. More information will be released shortly on booking instructions and on where the clinics will be located. The City and County are staffing the telephone support for those who require assistance.

Peterborough Public Health is supporting the planning for Hiawatha First Nation, planned for the end of next week. The planning for the Urban Indigenous clinics is well underway with an information session planned for March 9th and clinics to be held in the coming weeks.

Visit the [Peterborough Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Plan](#) for more details.

Phase 2 Planning

The Phase 2 planning working group continues to meet with local municipalities to plan for Peterborough City and County clinics sites. The working group is waiting for further guidance from the province on the sequencing of the populations and groups that are part of [Phase 2](#) of the [Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#).

Communications Update

Peterborough Public Health has begun its outreach to people 80 years and older with recommendations on how best to prepare for booking a vaccine appointment. When the COVax booking system is launched, communication will provide instructions on how to book, appointment details, and how to get assistance with booking. This guidance can be found on the [vaccine webpage](#).

The COVID-19 Healthcare Professionals [webpage](#) has been updated to include guidance for special populations who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Please visit the Peterborough Public Health [vaccine webpage](#) for up to date information on the COVID-19 vaccine. This webpage contains information on:

- 1) [Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Status](#)
- 2) [Peterborough Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Plan](#)
- 3) [Peterborough Inter-Agency Vaccine Planning Team Updates](#)