

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

As of Thursday March 25, **24,309** first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Peterborough. The province announced that 69% of people age 80+ have now received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. On Monday March 22, appointments were made available to people born in 1946 or before. Peterborough continues to vaccinate populations in Phase 1 of the Ontario vaccine distribution plan while allowing some populations in Phase 2 to begin booking vaccine appointments.

Peterborough will be holding clinics according to the supply of vaccine we have available. We expect vaccine supply to improve in the month of April.

Phase 1 Planning

Peterborough is on track to complete first dose clinics for all phase 1 populations by early April. Healthcare worker and age-based clinics continue to run daily. Age-based community clinics opened on March 19. Three locations have been available for age-based clinics in Peterborough region. These clinics are able to vaccinate up to 1400 people a day while vaccine supply lasts. Clinics staff experienced long line ups for the first few days due to people showing up too early for their appointment. This issue has been resolved and clinics are flowing smoothly.

Appointments are being booked now for chronic home care patients. Plans are being made for vaccinating home-bound patients in their homes.

Many lessons were learned from the launch of the provincial online booking system on March 15. Our Peterborough vaccine Call Centre is noticing a significantly high volume of calls on the first two days after each new age group is announced. This is causing long wait times for callers. We are asking that callers wait a few days in order to avoid the rush.

Phase 2 Planning

Limited vaccine supply continues to remain an issue for us locally. We are striving for a fine balance between finishing up our Phase 1 populations and opening clinics for the new age-based groups as they become eligible. We hope this will improve shortly.

The province has provided high level guidance for vaccinating populations in Phase 2. Peterborough is currently reviewing this guidance and contacting the relevant partners to engage in planning. We also expect to have more AstraZeneca vaccine available soon, through some of our local pharmacies. We'll share details as they become available.

First Nations Planning

Curve Lake First Nation (FN) and Hiawatha FN are on track to provide second dose vaccine clinics in early April. Planning continues for another first dose vaccine clinic for FN and urban Indigenous populations that have expressed an interest.

AstraZeneca Pilot

The AstraZeneca pilot will be completed on schedule, by April 2nd by primary care providers in Peterborough. There has been good uptake and more clinics are planned for this coming weekend. The evaluation of the pilot will help inform the province on how best to partner with primary care in delivering the COVID vaccines.

AstraZeneca vaccine safety research is being released. This information can be found on the Peterborough Public Health webpage for [individuals](#) and [healthcare providers](#).

Communications Update

Communications are planned to continue to reach and support the different age-intervals and other priority populations as they become eligible for immunizations. Guidance documents for booking, attending the appointment, and COVID-19 safety after being vaccinated can be found on the [Peterborough Public Health vaccine webpage](#).

A [transparency report](#) is available on the Peterborough Public Health PIVPT webpage. This report documents all vaccines delivered to people out of sequence.

Guidance documents for health professional have been updated. This can be found on the [Health Professionals webpage](#).

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 Inter-Agency Vaccine Planning Team Updates](#)
- 3) [Vaccine resources for Healthcare Professionals](#)