

# The Peterborough Interagency Vaccine Planning Team

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## COVID-19 Vaccine

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#### COVID-19 Vaccine Status Update

As of Wednesday September 8, 82.7% of Peterborough residents 12 years of age and older have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. 76.7% have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Partners in Peterborough Region have successfully administered over 200,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

On September 3, 2021, the Peterborough Inter-agency Vaccine Planning Team held their final meeting. The team will be transitioning to a broader inter-agency planning committee that incorporates other aspects of the COVID response. This group will respond to the provincial request for COVID-19 tabletop exercises to work through various scenarios that may arise during the fourth wave.

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update

A plan is in place for administering third doses for [select high-risk patients](#). Peterborough Public Health (PPH) has created a [third-dose referral form](#) for healthcare providers to complete for eligible patients. Patients can then take this form to a pop-up clinic or pharmacists in order to receive their booster dose. PPH issued an [advisory](#) to healthcare providers about this new process on August 31, 2021. Third doses will also be administered to residents in long-term care homes who are at least 5 months past their second dose.

On September 1, 2021, the Ontario government [announced](#) that vaccine certificates for COVID-19 will be introduced September 22 to allow residents to access to higher-risk settings, such as restaurants, theatres, sporting events, etc. On October 22, an electronic version of the records will be available for smartphones. Printed versions will be available for residents who cannot use or who are less comfortable using the app.

#### Partner updates:

Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) is developing a special clinic for residents who may require a physician consult to receive their vaccine. This clinic will use the same email system established earlier in the roll-out. PRHC is also developing its own workplace vaccination policy.

PPH reported that pop-up clinics still going well. Uptake for first doses seems to be rising. Last week almost 50% of doses administered at PPH clinics were first doses.

Primary care reported that approximately 6,000 vaccinations were administered during evening clinics at the Evinrude Centre over the past several weeks. The Medical Centre and Peterborough Clinic are now providing Pfizer clinics for their patients, as part of a pilot. Peterborough Family Health team (PFHT) healthcare providers

have started administering third doses to high-risk patients they've identified through patient rosters. PFHT shared that 99% of their staff are fully vaccinated!

Pharmacies are seeing a strong increase in people seeking first dose, and are also receiving more calls about vaccinations. PFHT and pharmacies are referring patients to each other for patients who want to access the same vaccine as their first dose.

Public schools and post-secondary education institutions are mandated to have vaccination policies. In most cases, fully immunized students do not have to isolate if identified as a high-risk contact. Trent and Fleming have mandated vaccination for both staff and students. Vaccine clinics are being planned at both schools.

### Communications Update

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

- 1) Updated [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#) for the general public, including a new Q&A regarding [vaccine package inserts](#)
- 2) Peterborough COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign – [4 Month Snapshot](#)
- 3) [Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Status](#)
- 4) [Peterborough Inter-Agency Vaccine Planning Team Updates](#)
- 5) [Vaccine resources for Healthcare Professionals](#)