



ADVISORY

Changes to COVID-19 Booster Dose Guidance

Thursday April 6, 2023

Today the province announced changes to [COVID-19 Booster Dose Guidance](#) in alignment with the recommendations provided by the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#). This guidance includes details about the spring booster dose campaign.

Booster Dose Guidance for High-Risk Populations

High-risk populations are recommended to receive a spring booster dose if at least six months (168 days) has passed since their last dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Beginning today, the following high-risk groups are recommended to receive a booster dose this spring

- 65 years and older
- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges, and other congregate living settings for seniors
- Individuals 18 years and older living in congregate care settings for people with complex medical care needs
- Pregnant individuals
- Individuals 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised
- Individuals aged 55 years and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis and their non-Indigenous household members aged 55 years and older.

In Ontario, individuals not included in any of the above groups may opt to receive another booster dose during the Spring of 2023, if at least 6 months (168 days) has passed since their previous dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection. However, it should be communicated that there is no current evidence that substantiates the need for an additional dose if a booster was already received on or after September 1, 2022.

Please see [Appendix C – Vaccinator Infographic](#) on page 30 for more information

Please see [Appendix D – Spring 2023 Campaign Flow Chart](#) on page 32 for more information.

Staying Up to Date - Vaccinations for the General Population

- For those 6 months to 4 years, staying up-to-date means having a completed primary series.
- For those 5 years and older, staying up-to-date means completion of the primary series and receipt of a booster dose (monovalent or bivalent) on or after September 1, 2022.

Additional Information

Peterborough Public Health has transitioned its COVID-19 vaccination clinics to our routine clinic at 185 King Street, Peterborough. Community members must book an appointment via the provincial vaccine booking centre call line at 1-833-943-3900 or online at covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine. No walk-ins are accepted at this clinic.

Further information about eligibility and clinic schedule can be found on our website at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/covid-19-vaccine-clinic/.

This advisory is available on our website at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/health-professionals

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