

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #33 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

TEL: 905-825-6000 • TOLL FREE: 1-866-442-5866 • FAX: 905-825-1444

TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: April 30, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 33: Eligibility opening to 50+ who cannot work from home and 16+ Indigenous people; updated homebound patient referral form

QUICK FACTS

- On **Friday, April 30**, all Indigenous people 16 years of age and over (including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations) who live in Halton will be eligible to book COVID-19 vaccination at halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.
- Starting **Monday, May 3**, Halton residents who are 50 years of age and older and cannot work from home can book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment at halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.
- While Group 1 Essential Workers still need a letter from their employer, this new group of 50+ who cannot work from home, do not need a letter from their employer, but must attest to working outside of the home and provide proof of residency at their appointment.
- Halton Region Public Health does not have the authority to grant exceptions to eligibility.
- Residents 40+ are eligible for vaccination through participating pharmacies and primary care offices. Participating pharmacies are listed at Ontario.ca/PharmacyCovidVaccine.

DETAILS RE: VACCINATIONS FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR OLDS

- Halton residents who are 16 and 17 years of age who are [eligible](#) as part of non-age based cohorts will be able to book their vaccination appointments [online](#) at halton.ca/COVIDvaccines. Eligibility includes:
 - those living in Milton L9E postal code area (starting Friday, April 30);
 - Indigenous people 16 years of age and older (starting Friday, April 30);
 - individuals with [eligible health conditions](#);
 - [Group 1 essential workers](#), [healthcare workers who cannot work from home](#);
 - [chronic homecare recipients](#); and
 - [staff and essential caregivers of long-term care, retirement homes, congregate or assisted living facilities](#).
- Residents who are 16 or 17 years old will be vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine.
- Eligible residents must have had their 16th birthday on or before the date of the first dose appointment.

UPDATED PHYSICIAN REFERRAL FORM FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION OF HOMEBOUND PATIENTS

- The '[Physician Request Form for COVID-19 Vaccination of Homebound Patients](#)' referenced in COVID-19 Vaccine Update #30 (April 23, 2021) has been updated to include patient contact information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine in Halton Region](#), halton.ca/COVIDvaccines
- [COVID-19 vaccine updates for health care professionals](#), halton.ca/COVIDvaccines
- [COVID-19 vaccine Frequently Asked Questions in Halton](#), halton.ca/COVIDvaccines

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO ALL PHYSICIANS IN YOUR OFFICE AND/OR POST IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND PHYSICIAN LOUNGES. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THIS ATTACHMENT, PLEASE EMAIL DOCTORS@HALTON.CA.