

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #30 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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

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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 30: Identifying and vaccinating homebound patients and excellent VITT webinar recording

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region Public Health is asking primary care providers to help identify homebound patients to help support COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The process is outlined below.
- Homebound patients are those who have physical challenges/immobility issues and cannot be transported to a clinic.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada, Thrombosis Canada and the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) recently hosted an [excellent webinar to inform health care providers on the treatment and reporting of Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia \(VITT\)](#).

PROCESS FOR SUPPORTING VACCINATION FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

1. Ensure your patient meets the eligibility criteria (patient has physical challenges/immobility issues and cannot be transported to the clinic for immunization).
2. **Download and Save** the form: '[Physician Request Form for COVID-19 Vaccination of Homebound Patients](#)'. This form is password protected and the password will be sent to you in a separate email.
3. **Submit** the completed form via email to paramedicmobileclinic@halton.ca. **Please ensure password protection remains.** Please note that this email is only used for the submission of these forms, not for inquiries. Inquiries can be directed to: accesshalton@halton.ca.
 - a. Form is password protected to maintain patient confidentiality. Please ensure you are using the downloaded form that has already been password protected.
 - b. Do not include client or confidential information in the subject field of the email.
 - c. Consider disabling the auto-populate feature on your email so that an incorrect address does not auto-populate in the "to" field.
4. Paramedic Services staff will contact your patient to review next steps and book an appointment time.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING PATIENTS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

- Lack of access to transportation does NOT define an individual as homebound. Please inform any patient with transportation issues to schedule an appointment at a community clinic and arrange transportation by contacting 311.
- Each eligible homebound patient can have up to two caregivers immunized with them. Information about caregivers will be obtained by Community Paramedics when booking the appointment.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [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.

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