

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #40 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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

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

DATE: May 21, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 40: update re. AstraZeneca second doses for people who received first dose between March 10-19 and pause on second dose appointments

QUICK FACTS

- Individuals who received their first AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine dose between March 10 and March 19, 2021, may opt for an earlier dose interval of 10 weeks with informed consent, for a limited time during the week of May 24.
- Halton Region Public Health, at the direction of the Province, has collected remaining AstraZeneca supply from primary care offices in Halton to allow for redistribution to Public Health Units that participated in the original AstraZeneca pilot program.
- There are some issues with scheduling earlier dose interval appointments. Halton Region is working as quickly as they can to resolve these issues.
- To fix the issue, our online booking system will be temporarily unavailable this afternoon until approximately 6 p.m. We will be posting a notice on our website and people will also have the option to sign up to receive an email alert when the system is once again available.
- Availability of earlier second dose appointments may be limited due to vaccine supply. Second dose appointments may be available through a participating pharmacy, but people should call ahead to confirm availability and eligibility.
- Dr. Hamidah Meghani provided updates on [COVID-19](#) and [COVID-19 vaccination](#) in Halton Region on Wednesday, May 19.

DETAILS RE. EARLIER AZ DOSE WHEN FIRST DOSE RECEIVED BETWEEN MARCH 10-19

- Eligible individuals (who received the dose between March 10 and March 19) should contact the pharmacy or primary care provider where they received their first dose.
- AstraZeneca vaccines were administered between March 10-19 in the following communities:
 - Select pharmacies in Toronto, Windsor-Essex and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington
 - Select primary care offices in Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe-Muskoka and Peel
- Halton Region Public Health is awaiting further information from the Ministry of Health regarding second doses for people who received a first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine after March 19.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Ontario Proceeding with Second Dose Administration of AstraZeneca](#), Ontario Ministry of Health

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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