

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #13 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments

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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 13: All Healthcare workers in Halton, including custodial, security and reception staff, in 'Very High Priority' level now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region Public Health has now opened up COVID-19 vaccination appointments for ALL Healthcare Workers in the [Very High Priority group](#), including custodial, security and reception staff.
- Please see attached notice for appointment booking information and share information broadly with your Healthcare Worker colleagues.

WHO IS IN THE VERY HIGH PRIORITY LEVEL

- All workers in the following sectors, including custodial, security and reception staff.
- **Acute care and other hospital settings** (patient care areas not included in the Highest Priority (e.g., surgical care, obstetrics, etc.)).
- **Congregate settings** (assisted living, correctional settings, residential facilities, hospices and palliative care settings, shelters, supportive housing (outside of Highest Priority level)).
- **Community care with high risk of exposure and serving specialized patient populations** (Community Health Centres, Home and community care (outside of the Highest Priority level), Adult day programs for seniors).
- **Other health care services for Indigenous populations** (Community agencies with patient-facing providers delivering any type of health services to First Nations communities and Indigenous Peoples that are not captured in Highest Priority).
- **Community care with high risk of exposure and serving the general population** (Birth centres, Community Based Specialists, Death investigation professionals, Dentistry, Gynecology/obstetrics, Midwifery, Nurse practitioner-led clinics/contract nursing agencies, Otolaryngology (ENT), Pharmacies, Primary care, Respiriology (Respiratory Therapy), Walk-in clinics.)
- **Laboratory services**

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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