

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #10 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments

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RE: Update re. public COVID-19 vaccination clinics

QUICK FACTS

- Planning is underway to ensure COVID-19 vaccination clinics are ready to open for prioritized members of the public as soon as vaccine supplies are secured by the Federal Government.
- Healthcare Workers will be immunized at the COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at OTMH.
- Information on how to book appointments for both the public and Healthcare Worker clinics will be available soon and communicated broadly.

CLINIC INFORMATION

- Initial clinic locations were selected based on health and safety measures, accessibility and amenities:
 - [Gellert Community Centre, 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown](#) (target opening early March)
 - [St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas Street, Oakville](#) (target opening early March)
 - [Compass Point Bible Church, 1500 Kerns Road, Burlington](#) (timing to be determined)
 - [Milton Centre for the Arts, 1010 Main Street East, Milton](#) (timing to be determined)
- The clinics are not yet open to the general public. The clinics will first serve priority populations [identified by the Province](#), beginning with adults 80 years of age and older.
- Planning is underway to provide additional support, such as transportation, for residents who require them.

SUPPORTING PRIORITY GROUPS WITH COVID-19 VACCINATION

- Public Health was also surprised by recent media reports announcing that primary care would be contacting their 80+ patients to book immunization appointments. This is NOT our expectation.
- If primary care would like to support their high priority patients, they can identify these patients and [proactively engage](#) with them to strengthen vaccine confidence.
- [Some patients, especially those with autoimmune disorders and immunosuppression](#), may need consultation with their healthcare providers prior to immunization. Physicians may wish to proactively engage patients with these conditions to support their decision making.

MESSAGING FOR INCOMING CALLERS LOOKING FOR COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

- We know that you're getting a lot of phone calls from patients looking for vaccine information. Feel free to use this messaging on your voicemails, webpages, etc. directing patients to Public Health.
 - Halton Region Public Health is planning for the wider community roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine. When different groups are eligible to receive the vaccine, Halton Region will widely communicate this with the public. For the latest updates about the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in our community, please visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Halton Region COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#), Halton Region
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#), 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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