

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #6 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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RE: Current vaccination focus, Pfizer supply, and primary care vaccination

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region remains in [Phase One](#) on Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout, with a prioritized focus on Long-Term Care Homes and high-risk Retirement Residences (LTCH/RR).
- Pfizer has reduced the expected supply to Canada. To manage this reduced supply, the Vaccine Clinic at Halton Healthcare has paused all new first-dose appointments. Public Health Mobile clinics at LTCH/high-risk RR will continue, but limited to residents only.
- [New COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#), Halton Region Public Health, answers common vaccine questions.

IMPACTS OF REDUCED PFIZER SUPPLY ON HALTON

- Pfizer (the only vaccine currently in Halton) is currently decreasing supply to improve manufacturing efficiencies to increase future supply.
- To preserve supply for the first and second doses of people living LTCH/RR, some healthcare workers may have their second doses delayed up to 42 days.
- During this time of reduced supply, new first doses are reserved only for people living in Long-Term Care and high-risk Retirement Residences. Risk level is determined based on Ministry guidance.
- Staff and essential caregivers of LTCHs who received their first dose at OTMH will receive their second dose at OTMH.
- Individuals will be notified only if their second dose appointment needs to be rescheduled to a date within the recommended 21 – 42 days.

WHY ARE SOME PHYSICIANS IN THE MISSISSAUGA HALTON PRIMARY CARE NETWORK ABLE TO GET VACCINATED?

- Due to Peel's high case count, the Province has allocated Peel Region more vaccine in an effort to control COVID-19 numbers.
- Physicians and Nurses who are staff in LTCH/RR in Peel Region are able to get vaccinated.
- We know it's important to immunize primary care and are monitoring vaccine supply closely so we can open up immunization as quickly as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [New COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#), Halton Region Public Health
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations, Ministry of Health](#)
- [Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccine](#), National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)
- [What you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine for Canada](#), Government of Canada

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