



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

Along with previously identified individuals who can still book vaccine appointments, those listed below are now encouraged to register to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a mass immunization clinic.

1. Individuals with health conditions, starting with **Highest-Risk and High-Risk Health Conditions**

Highest-Risk Health Conditions include:

- Organ transplant recipients; Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients; Neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised (e.g., motor neuron disease, myasthenia gravis, multiple sclerosis); Blood cancer diagnosed < 1 year; Kidney disease with eGFR < 30
- Individuals in the Highest-Risk group may have their main essential caregiver* vaccinated

High-Risk Health Conditions include:

- Obesity (BMI > 40); Other treatments causing immunosuppression (e.g., chemotherapy, immunity weakening medications); Intellectual or developmental disabilities (e.g., Down Syndrome)
- Individuals in the High-Risk group may have their main essential caregiver* vaccinated

2. High-Risk Congregate Living Settings

- **Residents, essential caregivers* and staff in high-risk congregate living settings** (residential facilities where a high-risk client population live or stay overnight and use shared spaces e.g., common sleeping areas, shared bathrooms, shared kitchens, communal dining spaces). This includes supportive housing, developmental services/intervenor including independent living, adult correctional facilities, and children's residential facilities (residents over 16, staff and foster parents)
- **Essential Caregivers*** are included for the following congregate settings: developmental services, mental health and addictions congregate settings, homes for special care, children's residential facilities, and Indigenous healing and wellness facilities

*An essential caregiver is someone providing direct, frequent and sustained in-person personal care and/or assistance with activities of daily living to the individual

How to book a vaccine appointment if you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

1. Visit www.durhamvaccinebooking.ca or call 1-888-444-5113 for assistance to register by phone
2. Visit Covidvaccine.lh.ca (Oshawa Clinic only) or call 905-721-4828 for assistance to register by phone

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