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For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine: Novavax Nuvaxovid availability in Ontario

A **limited supply of Novavax Nuvaxovid® COVID-19 vaccine is available** to Durham Residents via Health Department community immunization clinics. The vaccine is available to individuals **18 years of age** and older who are **not able**, due to contraindications, or **have been waiting for an alternative** to the mRNA vaccines. The Novavax Nuvaxovid® vaccine primary series consists of **two doses** at a recommended interval of at least **56 days** (8 weeks). Individuals may **receive mixed doses of Novavax Nuvaxovid® and mRNA vaccines**. If receiving a mixed primary series or additional booster doses with the Novavax vaccine, **informed consent** should include a discussion of the benefits and potential risks given the currently limited data on the effectiveness and safety of mixed schedules with the Novavax vaccine.

A **booster dose** of Novavax Nuvaxovid may be offered to individuals regardless of which COVID-19 vaccines were received in the primary series. This recommendation is off-label, as the Novavax Nuvaxovid® COVID-19 vaccine is not currently authorized for use by Health Canada as a booster dose in Canada. The **third dose** will be administered at an interval of **84 days** (three months) following second dose. A **fourth dose** is available to eligible individuals **140 days** (five months) after the first booster.

Unlike the process for accessing other COVID-19 vaccines, **online booking** and **walk-ins** for Novavax **are not available**. Clients who meet eligibility need to call the Health Department's call center to book an appointment: **1-888-444-5113**.

NACI continues to **preferentially recommend** the use of **mRNA COVID-19 vaccines** for most people due to the excellent protection they provide **against severe illness and hospitalization, and their well-known safety profiles**.

Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine is no longer available at Health Department clinics.

Please refer to the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#) guidance document for more information about this vaccine. For information about booster doses, please refer to the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose and Booster Recommendations](#).

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

