



Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Open for Individuals 12+

Individuals 12 years of age or older are now able to book appointments for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The [previous process](#) where those age 12 to 15 at highest risk had to receive a letter from their health care provider is no longer required. In accordance with the Ontario Health Care Consent Act, consent for treatment is not determined by age. If the youth has the capacity to understand the risks and benefits and provide informed consent, consent by the parent or guardian is not required.

If clients are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant, have an autoimmune disorder or weakened immunity due to illness or treatment we continue to ask that you discuss the benefits and risks of COVID-19 vaccination in advance. The client must verbally attest that they have had this conversation with their health care provider and they would like to proceed with vaccination before being immunized at the mass immunization clinics.

Appointments will be available starting on May 31 at Ajax, Pickering, Clarington and Oshawa mass immunization clinics. For north Durham, which currently offers Moderna vaccine, clinic dates have been added offering Pfizer vaccine for individuals 12-plus beginning on June 8 starting in Brock, then rotating to Scugog and Uxbridge. As the current Whitby mass immunization clinic only offers Moderna, a new clinic site will be introduced in Whitby that will allow individuals 12-plus to access Pfizer. Bookings for this new Whitby location, at Sinclair Secondary school, will be available beginning May 27 at 9 p.m. for appointments that will start on June 7. To book appointments visit www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment or call 1-888-444-5113.

School-Based Vaccines and COVID-19 Vaccine Spacing

Thank you to all health care providers who are administering school-based vaccines in the office while schools immunization programs are halted (Human Papillomavirus 9 (HPV9), Hepatitis B, or Men C-ACYW135). Please remember that no vaccines can be given 2 weeks before or 4 weeks after the COVID-19 vaccine. This is to ensure we can properly investigate if there is an adverse event following immunization (AEFI).

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