



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Fall 2024 Recommendations

Ontario will have two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for the 2024/2025 season, Moderna and Pfizer, both targeting the Omicron KP.2 variant. The following **high-risk individuals** are encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available:

- Adults 65 years and older
- Individuals 6 months and older who are/have:
 - Residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings
 - Pregnant
 - From First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Communities
 - Members of racialized or other equity-deserving communities
 - Underlying medical conditions that places them at higher risk of severe COVID-19, including children with complex medical needs.
 - Children 6 months to 4 years of age, health care workers, first responders, individuals with significant exposure to birds and mammals (such as poultry, livestock, slaughterhouse and processing plant workers, wildlife officers/researchers and veterinarians) should also be prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible.

Previously vaccinated individuals should receive an updated vaccine 6 months from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose. A minimum of 3 months from the last dose may be used.

Starting October 28, 2024, all other vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals (6 months of age and older) are recommended to and may receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines for 2024/2025 Season

Vaccine Product	Moderna Spikevax® KP.2 (Now Available)		Pfizer Comirnaty® KP.2 (Coming Soon)
Age Indication	6 months to 11 years of age	12 years of age and older	12 years of age and older
Dose/Route	0.25 mL (25 mcg) / IM	0.5 mL (50 mcg) / IM	0.3 mL (30 mcg) / IM
Most Common Allergens	Polyethylene Glycol (PEG), Tromethamine, Tromethamine (hydrochloride)		

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Novavax will **not** be available in Ontario this season. Individuals unable to receive an mRNA vaccine may be eligible for other treatment options such as Paxlovid to reduce the duration and severity of illness.

The COVID-19 vaccines may be given at the same time with other vaccines, or at any time before or after other non-COVID-19 vaccines (live or non-live vaccines), including influenza vaccine, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine and/or the RSV monoclonal antibody, Beyfortus.

COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering and Availability in the Community

Sites that are already providing COVID-19 vaccines (long-term care homes, some physician offices, etc.) will receive a separate link to order vaccine. There is no public-facing order form. If your practice would like to start offering COVID-19 vaccine please visit www.durham.ca/hcp under the Respiratory Illnesses and COVID-19 tabs for the onboarding form.

Individuals six months and older can receive the COVID-19 vaccine at participating pharmacies. Visit the COVID-19 Pharmacy Locator Tool www.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations/ for participating pharmacy locations.

Limited Health Department COVID-19 vaccine clinic appointments are available for eligible children 6 months to 4 years of age who cannot be vaccinated at local pharmacies. Appointments will be available soon and can be booked online. Visit www.durham.ca/COVIDvaccines for more information.

More Information

Respiratory viral illness season typically runs from October to April. Check out our **Respiratory Virus Data Tracker** at durham.ca/resptracker to see the status of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region throughout the season.

If you have any feedback about Fax Abouts or wish to recommend a topic for distribution, please email Faxabout@durham.ca.

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