Renfrew County and District COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF





National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Updates

NACI recommends that COVID-19 vaccines be offered to those who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and do not have any medical reasons that prevent them from receiving the vaccine. Anyone looking to receive a booster dose after a COVID-19 infection should wait 3 months after symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic), as long as 84 days has passed since completing the primary series (first and second dose). Full details <u>here</u>.

NACI currently recommends that children 5 to 11 years of age wait at least 14 days between COVID-19 vaccines and non-COVID-19 vaccines, including the influenza vaccine. Full details <u>here</u>.

Please continue to monitor <u>RCDHU's website</u> and social media for the most recent vaccination clinic schedules and updates.

Clinic Updates

- No appointments are necessary as walk-ins for residents 12 years of age and older are accepted at all COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District.
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Walk-in availability for children 5-11 years of age varies based on paediatric vaccine supply.

To book your vaccination appointment in Pembroke or Chalk River, or to access your COVID-19 vaccination receipts visit: https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/

Continue to monitor <u>www.rcdhu.com</u> and RCDHU's Facebook and Twitter for clinic announcements.

Local Update

As of 8:00 a.m. February 7, 216,756 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 91.4% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (37.5% have received 2 doses and 51.4% have received 3 or 4 doses).

Remember: Even if you have been vaccinated, it is important to continue following public health measures, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask and hand hygiene.



Percentage of RCDHU residents with at least 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine, at least 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and 3 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, by age groups



Notes: This age demographic breakdown does not include Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD. New data source for population estimates: Statistics Canada. Population estimates 2001–2020: Table 1 annual population estimates by age and sex for July 1, 2001 to 2020, health regions, Ontario [unpublished data table]. Ottawa, ON: Government of Canada; 2021 [received 2021 Apr 22] as per Public Health Ontario (PHO).

Youth Corner (12-17 Years of Age)

Youth 12 years of age or older are eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine.

Youth **second dose** appointments must be scheduled **at least 21 days after the first dose**. Indigenous youth may book a second dose appointment three weeks after their first. For more information visit:

- What Youth Need to Know About their Appointment
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Youth Consent Form</u>
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet</u>

First & Second Dose Information

Individuals still looking to get their COVID-19

vaccinations should visit one of the various clinics taking place across Renfrew County and District each week. To see the latest schedules, visit RCDHU's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Webpage.

Another great option is to visit a local participating pharmacy. To find the closest pharmacy that is offering COVID-19 vaccinations, visit Ontario's online link for COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations.

You can also check in with your primary care provider to see if they have COVID-19 vaccine availability.

First & Second Dose **Eligibility List**

All residents **5 years of age or older** are now eligible to book a first and second dose appointment for vaccination.



COVID-19 Third Dose Information

Visit Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout webpage for up-todate information on the vaccine and implementation phases.

RCDHU FAQ: What You Need to Know About a Third Dose.

COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Differs for Canadian Armed Forces Members

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is notifying businesses and facilities that proof of vaccination looks different for military members. While non-CAF members must show government documentation accompanied by picture identification (ID), military members are required to show their CAF-issued vaccination booklet along with their military ID. Please note that proof of vaccination for CAF members can be in the form of an entry in a vaccination booklet, a sheet of paper or a card.

The authenticity of these documents can be confirmed by verifying that the name and service number on the document matches those on the individual's military identification card.

Providing Proof of Vaccination

Ontarians are required to use their enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code. Vaccine receipts without a QR code will no longer be accepted as valid proof of vaccination.

To save your vaccine certificate with a QR code to your phone, log-in to the COVID-19 vaccination portal using your Apple or Android phone.

- Select "Get your vaccine receipt"
- Scroll to bottom of page under "To download your proof of vaccination or book an appointment" and check off the "Terms of Use" box
- Click "continue"
- Fill out the following form using your date of birth, health card info, and postal code. Click "continue"
- Next, you'll get two options: 1) booking a vaccination appointment and 2) access vaccine receipts. Click "continue" on yellow box that says "Proof of Vaccination"
- Click "Download proof of vaccination" to save on your phone.

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For more information visit: Proof of COVID-19 vaccination







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