

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

JUNE 30, 2021 | EDITION 19

Local Update

As of June 28, a total of **94,629 doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with **70.7%** of RCD adults (aged 12+) having received at least 1 dose (43.7% have received 1 dose; 27% have received 2 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.

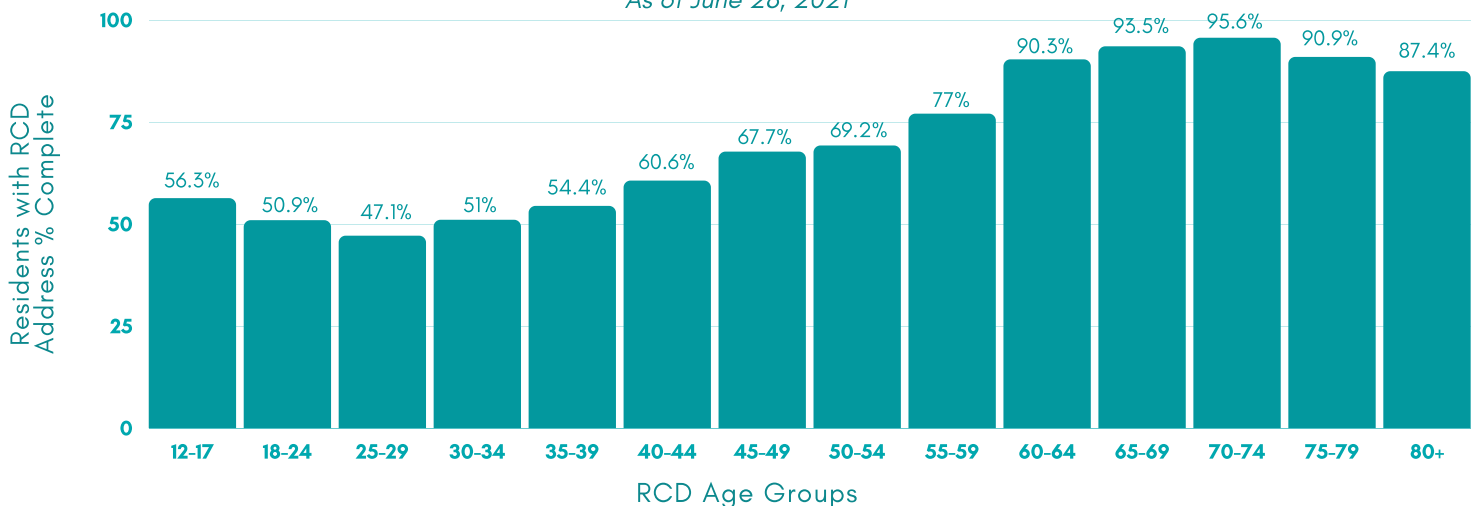
Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) announced that in alignment with the province, eligibility to book an early second dose appointment is as follows:



- Clinic staff at work at the Pembroke Memorial Centre COVID-19 vaccination clinic, June 2021

Percentage of RCD residents that have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, by age groups

As of June 28, 2021



Note: Total includes doses administered at clinics organized by RCDHU, pharmacies in RCD, and primary care. Total does not include doses that have been administered to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members that reside in RCD.

- As of June 28, 2021, all Ontarians aged 18 and over who have received their first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine are eligible to book their second dose appointment. Residents will be eligible to book a second dose appointment no earlier than 28 days after the first dose, per the recommended interval.

Additionally, eligibility for the [COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List](#) is expanding to include:

- All individuals 12 years of age older.

To add your name to the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List, click <https://bit.ly/3wFWMVY> or visit www.rcdhu.com and click on the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout webpage and scroll down to the link for the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List. The Extra Dose Sign-Up List is **not in place of booking an appointment** and everyone should continue to book appointments as they become available.

Youth Corner (ages 12-17)



Youth 12 to 17 years of age are eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine.

Youth **second dose** appointments must be scheduled **eight weeks after the first dose**. Indigenous youth may book a second dose appointment three weeks after their first.

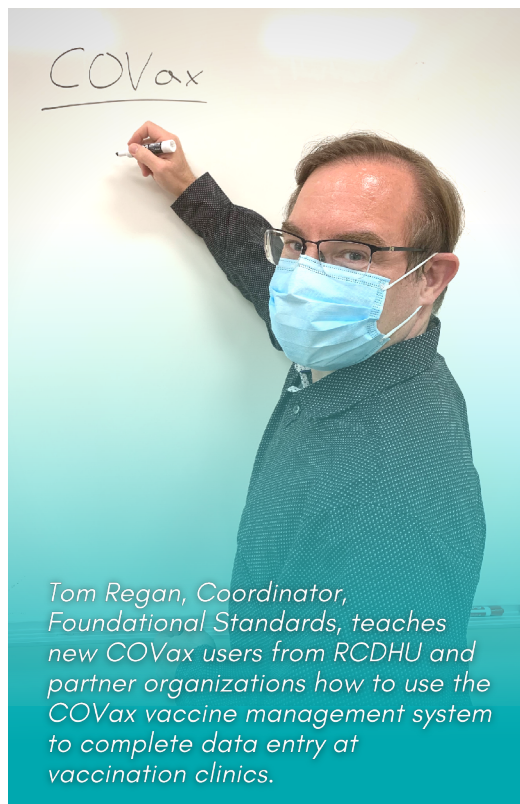
For more information visit:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Youth \(Ages 12-17\) Information](#)
- [What Youth Need to Know About their Appointment](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Youth \(Age 12-17\) Consent Form](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#)

BEHIND THE SCENES



A look at the staff at work at **Renfrew County and District Health Unit**. These roles are vital to the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout across RCD.



First Dose Booking Information

1. Individuals can book a vaccination appointment at either link: www.rcdhu.com OR Ontario.ca/bookvaccine.

Booking an appointment online is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves.

If a person is unable to register online, they can call RCDHU at 613-732-9724 or 1-800-267-1097 extension 200. Residents are asked to only leave **one message** with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

2. PLEASE BE PATIENT. The availability of vaccination appointments will be based on the number of vaccine doses that RCD receives each week, which varies by each public health region based on the provincial government's perceived level of risk in those areas.

Transportation Assistance



Assistance with transportation to COVID-19 vaccination appointments is available for seniors and adults with a disability who have no available transportation options. For more information please call **1-833-617-4357 (HELP)** or visit <https://communitysupport.covidresponse.ca/>.

First Dose Eligibility List



All residents aged **12 and older** are now eligible to book a first dose appointment for vaccination (must be 12 years of age as of the date of vaccination)

**All those previously eligible will remain eligible for vaccination.*

Vaccine clinic dates and times are only available based on vaccine supply.



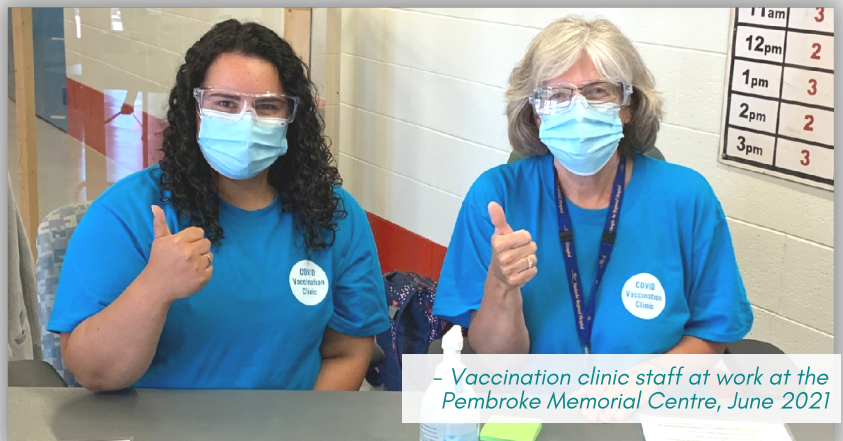
Eligibility expansion can result in **longer wait times** for appointments. Please be patient as you wait for appointments to become available.

Weekly Extra Dose Sign Up List



Residents 12 years of age and older who have been unable to book a first dose vaccine appointment or for those eligible to receive an earlier second dose appointment can add their name to a weekly list, which will allow residents to be called for last minute or same day appointments that open at various clinics across RCD.

To add your name to the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List, click <https://bit.ly/3wFWMVY> or visit www.rcdhu.com and click on the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout webpage and scroll down to the link for the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List. **The Extra Dose Sign-Up List is not in place of booking an appointment and everyone should continue to book appointments as they become available.** Full details at: [New Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List Developed](#).



- Vaccination clinic staff at work at the Pembroke Memorial Centre, June 2021

Second Dose Highlights



Due to increased eligibility for early second doses and increased shipments of vaccine, RCDHU is announcing that **all second dose appointments after July 18, 2021, will be cancelled and must be re-scheduled**. All residents who have an appointment after July 18, 2021, will have to re-book their appointments [online](#) at an earlier date.

Early second dose appointments are available for anyone who is 18 years of age or older who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) **at least 28 days ago**, or those who have received an AstraZeneca vaccine **at least 8 weeks ago**.



Click [here](#) to book or re-book your second dose appointment online.



Click [here](#) for instructions on cancelling a previously booked appointment.



Review the [Your Second Dose of the COVID-19 fact sheet for more information](#). Remember, it is safe and effective to get any mRNA vaccine as your second dose.

RCDHU and partners are aiming to follow the province's anticipated schedule for eligibility to book a second dose appointment at a shortened interval, based on confirmed supply. To view the anticipated schedule visit: [Anticipated Schedule for Second Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

AstraZeneca Information

If residents received their first dose of AZ at a pharmacy, **please contact that pharmacy for information on how to receive a second dose** of AZ or one of the mRNA vaccines, or book into one of RCD's mass vaccination clinics to receive an mRNA vaccine. Please note that you cannot book into a primary care AZ clinic. Everyone who received a first dose of AZ will need to read and complete the following document prior to vaccination: [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Individuals who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccine](#).



If you received AZ for your first dose, check out the new fact sheet - [Your Second Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Early Second Dose Eligibility

Groups currently eligible to book or rebook their second dose appointment at a shortened interval include:

- As of Monday, June 28, 2021, **all Ontarians aged 18 and over** who have received their first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine will be eligible to book their second dose appointment. The appointment is to be booked at least 28 days after the first dose, per the recommended interval.
- Individuals who received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine are also eligible to receive a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at an interval of eight to 12 weeks, with informed consent. This can include a second dose of AstraZeneca or an mRNA vaccine.

Provincial Update

Starting Monday, June 28, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., all Ontarians aged 18 and over who received their first dose of an mRNA vaccine will be eligible to book an appointment to receive their second ahead of schedule. This will accelerate second dose eligibility for approximately 1.5 million Ontarians. Full details at: [All Ontarians Aged 18+ Becoming Eligible for Accelerated Second Doses](#).

Federal Update

Beginning July 5, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EDT, fully vaccinated travellers who are permitted to enter Canada will not be subject to the federal requirement to quarantine or take a COVID-19 test on day-8. In addition, fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air will not be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel.

To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — accepted by the Government of Canada at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, and must provide documentation supporting their vaccination in English, French or with a certified translation.

For travellers who are not fully vaccinated, there are no changes to Canada's current border measures.

Full details at: [Government of Canada's first phase to easing border measures for travellers entering Canada](#).

RCD Useful Links

RECENT MEDIA RELEASES:

- > All Second Dose Appointments After July 18 Must be Re-Scheduled (June 28)
- > How to Cancel COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments (June 14)
- > If You Received AstraZeneca for Your First Dose – Here is What You Need to Know (June 14)

ADDITIONAL:

- > Edition 18: June 23, 2021
- > COVID-19 Vaccination Screening and Consent Form

