

Renfrew County and District Health Unit "Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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New COVID-19 Cases in Renfrew County and District Bring Stark Reminder About Importance of Getting Vaccinated

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is reporting three new COVID-19 cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD). This has led to at least 20 high-risk contacts and 4 suspect workplace outbreaks.

RCDHU and partners want to remind residents that the best protection against COVID-19 and associated variants of concern, is to get vaccinated.

As mass immunization clinics are decreasing in number and frequency over the next month, Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU, is urging residents to take advantage of COVID-19 vaccine appointments as soon as possible. Many walk-in and pop-up clinics are being held to accommodate residents across RCD to expand access and reduce barriers to the COVID-19 vaccine. To view walk-in and/or pop-up clinics dates and times visit the <u>COVID-19 Walk-In Clinics Schedule</u> and the <u>COVID-19 Pop-up Clinic Schedule</u> (July 19-24); <u>COVID-19 Pop-up Clinic Schedule</u> (July 26-30).

Residents are being asked to book online at <u>Renfrew County – COVID Vaccination Clinic Portal</u>, as this is the fastest way. Please book only one appointment per person. To find a pharmacy offering COVID-19 vaccinations near you visit <u>COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations</u>.

ONLY if a person is unable to register online, they can call RCDHU at 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097, ext. 201. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

For more information, visit <u>RCDHU's website</u> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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