

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

As of August 18, 2021, all residents born in 2009 or earlier (must be turning 12 years of age as of the end of 2021) are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Note: Second dose appointments must be booked at least 28 days after the first dose, per the recommended interval. Youth born in 2009 or earlier and up to 17 years of age are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.



It is important to be fully vaccinated as quickly as possible to protect yourself from COVID-19 and variants of concern.

COVID-19 Third Dose Information

Visit [Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout webpage](#) for up-to-date information on the vaccine and implementation phases.

RCDHU FAQ: [What You Need to Know About a Third Dose](#)

Approximately **16,000** residents across RCD are still eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

REMINDER: Residents are encouraged to take advantage of COVID-19 vaccine appointments as soon as possible, as mass immunization clinics will be decreasing in number and frequency over the next month.

Pop Up Clinic Update



Pop up clinics will be open to all residents born in 2009 or earlier for first or second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. No appointment necessary.



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



We want to hear from you!

Contact media@rcdhu.com to let us know where the next COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic should take place!

Local Update

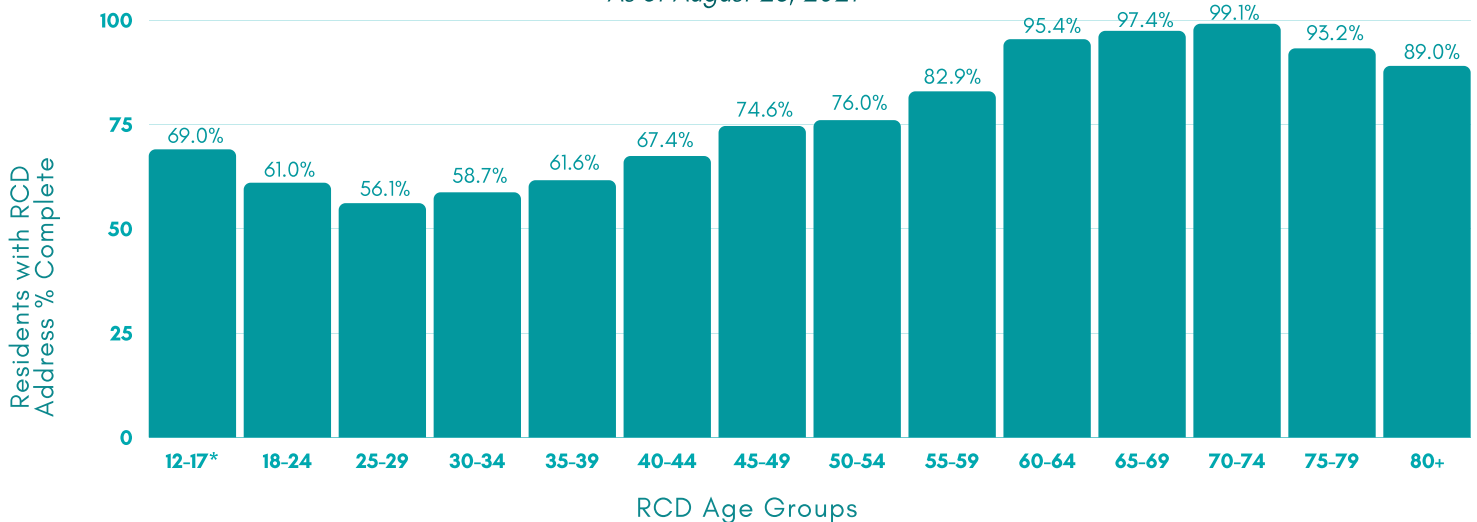
As of 8:00 a.m. August 23, 142,788 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 82.9% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (76.8% 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.



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

As of August 23, 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.

*Includes individuals born in 2009

Youth Corner (12-17 Years of Age)



Youth born in 2009 or earlier are eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine.

Youth **second dose** appointments must be scheduled **at least 28 days 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 Information](#)
- [What Youth Need to Know About their Appointment](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Youth Consent Form](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#)

First & Second Dose Booking Information

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 book 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.

Second Dose Highlights

Due to increased vaccine supply and shortened second dose intervals, we urge residents to book an **early second dose appointment as soon as possible**. This will help protect our communities and provide the best defense against variants of concern.

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

➔ It is safe and effective to get any mRNA vaccine as your second dose.

➔ Review the [Your Second Dose of the COVID-19](#) fact sheet for more information.

First & Second Dose Eligibility List



All residents **born in 2009 or earlier** (turning 12 years of age or older in 2021) are now eligible to book a first and second dose appointment for vaccination.

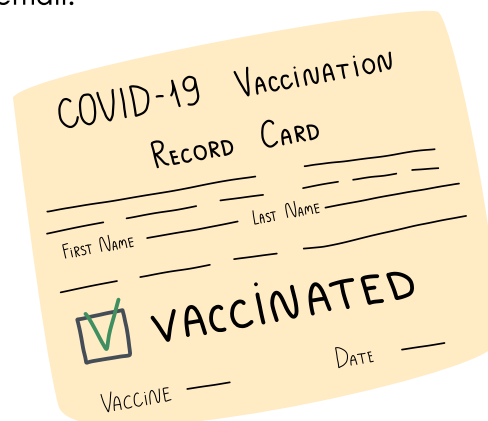
Providing Proof of Vaccination

For steps on how to access your COVID-19 vaccination records, visit this link to RCDHU's Poster: [How to Access Your Proof of Vaccination](#).

If you received your first dose outside of Ontario and are due to receive your second dose locally, we ask that residents please submit their proof of first dose to us at least three business days prior to attending your second dose appointment.

Residents can submit proof of vaccination by contacting Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) at 613-732-3629 ext. 200. Please leave one message with a name and phone number, and someone will return the call as soon as possible.

Residents will also be asked to provide a physical copy of vaccination documentation by either bringing it to the health unit in-person or sending it via email.



Partner Websites

