### COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

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#### Provincewide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Comes Into Effect

Effective September 22, 2021, as per O. Reg. 264/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap to Exit Step, all Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination (vaccine receipt) along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities.

#### How do I show proof of COVID-19 vaccination?

For more information visit RCDHU's <u>Provincewide</u> <u>Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination</u> Infographic.

#### 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 <a href="www.rcdhu.com">www.rcdhu.com</a> and RCDHU's Facebook and Twitter for clinic announcements.

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

### Local Update

As of 8:00 a.m. September 19, 148,631 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 85.4% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (79.9% 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



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 Information

Individuals still looking to get their COVID-19 vaccinations should visit one of the various popup 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.

#### **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 <u>here</u> for instructions on cancelling a previously booked appointment.
- It is safe and effective to get any mRNA vaccine as your second dose.
- Review the <u>Your Second Dose of the</u>
  <u>COVID-19</u> fact sheet for more information.

## **COVID-19 Third Dose Information**

Visit <u>Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout webpage</u> for up-to-date information on the vaccine and implementation phases.

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

# 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.





















