

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

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Provincewide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

As of October 15, 2021, individuals have the choice to download the enhanced vaccine certificate scannable QR code from the COVID-19 vaccination portal.

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.

For more information visit: [Using your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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.

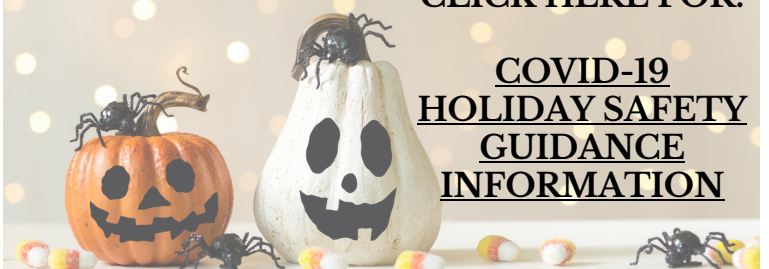
The authenticity of these documents can be confirmed by verifying that the name and service number on the document matches those on the individual's military identification card.

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. Third doses will also be available for those who are eligible. No appointment necessary.
- ➔ Continue to monitor www.rcdhu.com and RCDHU's Facebook and Twitter for clinic announcements.

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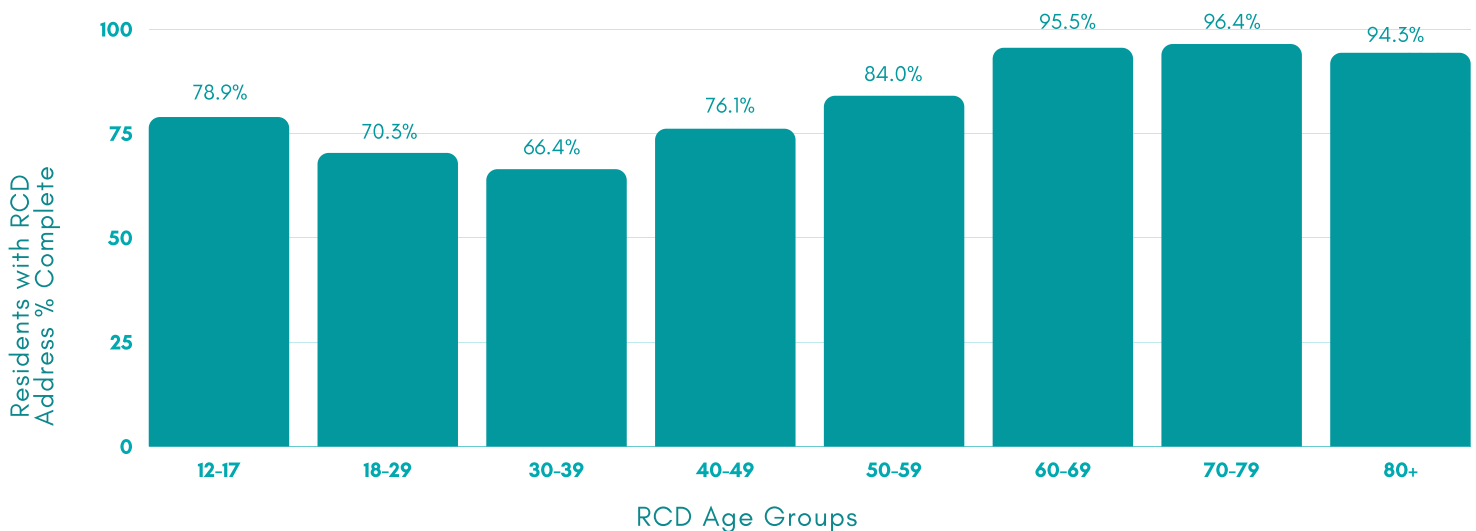
Local Update

As of 8:00 a.m. October 18, 154,828 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 87.8% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (83.6% have received 2 or 3 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 a COVID-19 Vaccine, by Age Groups (as of 8:00 a.m. October 18, 2021)*



Notes: This age demographic breakdown does not include Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD. *Includes individuals born in 2009. 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 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 pop-up 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 [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.

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](#).

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

