

# RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

## For Immediate Release

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### **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Limited in Renfrew County and District**

As of December 23, 2021, the Pfizer BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine supply will become limited across all Renfrew County and District (RCD) COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

We will continue to work with the Province of Ontario to procure more Pfizer-BioNTech supply as it is made available.

The Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine will be reserved for those individuals under the age of 30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd doses until further notice. Individuals over the age of 30 will be offered the Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine when arriving at a vaccine clinic.

Mixing COVID-19 vaccines is safe, effective, and enables Ontarians to benefit from the protection of a booster dose. Both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) recommends that everyone who is eligible for a vaccination receive the first vaccine that is available to them. Booster doses are being accelerated due to growing concerns about the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

"We need to work together to contain COVID-19 in Renfrew County and District. We must protect our vulnerable community members and ensure that healthcare workers and hospitals are there for us if we need them" states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health for RCDHU. "The best way for you to help is to get the vaccine that is designated for your age group as soon as you can, and to continue strict observance of public health measures."

RCDHU continues to work closely with hospitals, primary care, pharmacies, paramedic services and other community organizations to offer COVID-19 vaccine to all eligible community members with health equity principles as the foundation of the vaccine program.

Those looking to book an appointment locally can do so via the following online link: <https://www.rcdhu.com/booking-your-covid-19-vaccine/>.

Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to navigate the booking site themselves and to note the location of their appointment on their confirmation email to ensure which site they are booked at.

ONLY those who have no online access should be calling the health unit with regards to booking an appointment. Pharmacies in the region are also offering third dose appointments.

For more information, visit [RCDHU's website](#) or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

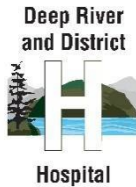
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