

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

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## RCDHU Announces Move from Local COVID-19 Vaccination Booking System to Provincial Booking System

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is announcing the move from the local COVID-19 vaccination booking system to the provincial vaccination booking system.

Starting Tuesday, February 01, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., residents can book an appointment through the <u>Provincial COVID-19 vaccination portal</u> or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900. Anyone who does not have an Ontario Health Card and is unable to book their vaccination appointment online must call RCDHU's COVID-19 Vaccination Information Line at 613-732-9436 or toll free at 1-833-773-0004.

- To book an appointment at a clinic prior to February 01, use the local booking system linked here: <u>https://covid-vacc-rcvtac.mychamp.ca/</u>.
- As of February 01, appointments can be booked for COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Pembroke and Deep River through the provincial booking system: <u>https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/</u>.

While no appointments are necessary as walk-ins for residents 12 years of age and older are accepted at <u>all</u> COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (walk-in availability for children 5-11 years of age varies based on paediatric vaccine supply), there are some benefits to booking. By booking your vaccination appointment, residents have a better sense of timing as your appointment slot is protected.

Additionally, advantages of the provincial booking system are that it allows for more seamless data collection and sharing, while the user experience is improved.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination, visit <u>https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/</u>.

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