

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

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Ontario Moving to Next Phase of Reopening on March 01

Effective March 1, 2022, Ontario will lift proof of vaccination requirements for all settings. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date. Full details at: [Ontario Moving to Next Phase of Reopening on February 17.](#)

Booster Dose Eligibility Expands to Include Residents 12-17 Years of Age

Immunocompromised individuals and those receiving dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) are eligible for a third dose after 8 weeks (56 days) since their second dose.

- Residents 12-17 years of age or older are eligible to receive a booster dose 6 months (168 days) after a second dose. Residents 18+ are eligible to receive a booster after 3 months (84 days).
- Residents who have been infected with COVID-19 after their primary series but before their booster dose are recommended to wait at least 3 months (84 days) after symptoms or when the positive test result was received.

Clinic Updates



- ➔ No appointments are necessary as walk-ins for residents 12 years of age and older are accepted at all 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.
- ➔ To book your vaccination appointment in Pembroke or to access your COVID-19 vaccination receipts visit: <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>
- ➔ Continue to monitor www.rcdhu.com and RCDHU's Facebook and Twitter for clinic announcements.

Local Update

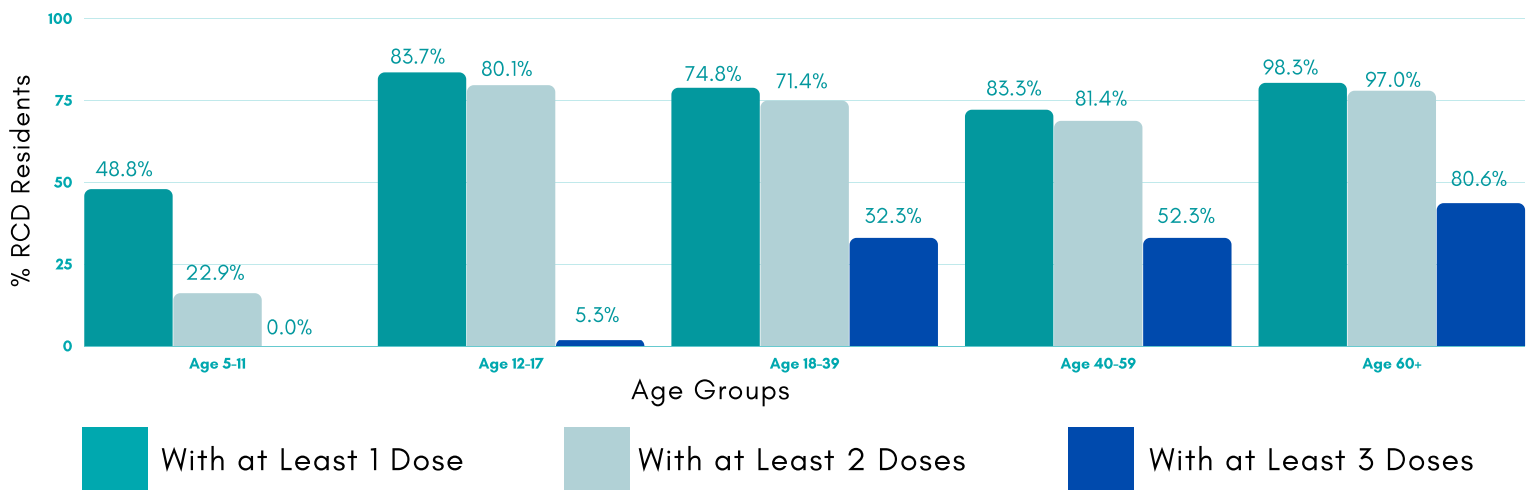
As of 8:00 a.m. February 22, 219,283 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 91.5% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (33.7% have received 2 doses and 55.4% have received 3 or 4 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 COVID-19 vaccine, at least 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and 3 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, by age groups

As of 8:00 a.m., February 22, 2022



Notes: This age demographic breakdown does not include Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD. 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 12 years of age or older are eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine.

Youth **second dose** appointments must be scheduled **at least 21 days after the first dose**. Indigenous youth may book a second dose appointment three weeks after their first.

For more information visit:

- [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 clinics taking place across Renfrew County and District each week. To see the latest schedules, visit [RCDHU's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Webpage](#).

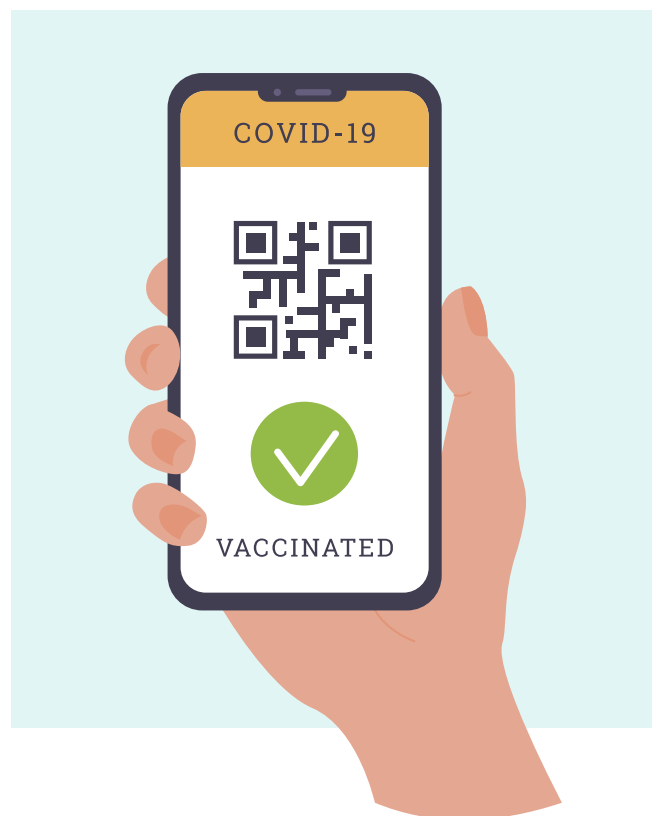
Another great option is to visit a local participating pharmacy. To find the closest pharmacy that is offering COVID-19 vaccinations, visit Ontario's online link for [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations](#).

You can also check in with your primary care provider to see if they have COVID-19 vaccine availability.

First & Second Dose Eligibility List



All residents **5 years of age or older** are now eligible to book a first and second dose appointment for vaccination.



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](#).

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.

Providing Proof of Vaccination

Ontarians are required to use their enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code. Vaccine receipts without a QR code will no longer be accepted as valid proof of vaccination.

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: [Proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#)

Partner Websites

