

RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

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Booking COVID-19 Third Dose Vaccination Appointments

Effective November 5, 2021, booking appointments for COVID-19 third dose vaccinations will begin for the following vulnerable populations if at least six months (168 days) has passed since their second (last) dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- Health care workers;
- Designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers);
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine/Johnson&Johnson vaccine);
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

Residents who are eligible to book appointments for COVID-19 third dose vaccinations if at least eight weeks has passed since their second (last) dose include:

- Individuals who are immunocompromised.

For a complete list of those who are eligible within each group visit: [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#).

To book an appointment visit: [RCDHU COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout webpage](#). Residents are asked to book an appointment online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. Only if a person is unable to book online, they can call RCDHU at 613-732-3629 Ext. 201 or 1-800-267-1097, Ext. 201. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

Residents are also encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccines through participating pharmacies. To find a pharmacy near you visit [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations](#).

“While the province continues to expand eligibility, **we ask that you please be patient as third doses are recommended, not required, and there is no immediate rush to receive a third dose**,” states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU). “Receiving a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is an added precaution in our fight against the virus and is **not required for employment or access to workplaces. Those who currently have two doses remain protected and are considered fully vaccinated**,” continues Dr. Cushman.

RCDHU and partners want to thank the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) for their hard work and dedication in the seamless transition to the new online booking system.

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

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