

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Toronto Health Care Providers

Presentation to the Board of Health

September 11, 2023

Vaccine distribution in Toronto: Non COVID-19 products

Health care providers order and receive non-COVID-19 vaccines from the Ontario Government Pharmacy and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS or OGP)

Routine vaccines

Health care providers order and receive delivery of routine vaccines (such as influenza, MMR, or shingles) directly from OGP, without Toronto Public Health involvement



High-risk program and school vaccines

Health care providers receive delivery of high-risk and school vaccines (such as HPV and hepatitis B) from OGP, but place their orders through Toronto Public Health



Provincial request to Toronto Public Health to manage COVID-19 vaccine supply in Toronto

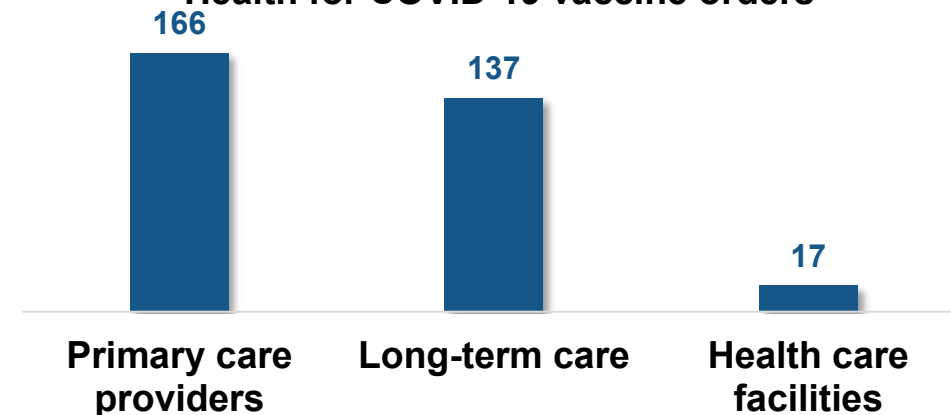
The Ministry of Health asked Toronto Public Health to:

1. Manage inventory, logistics and distribution of COVID-19 vaccine to Toronto health care providers, hospitals, long-term care homes, and other health settings. This does not include pharmacies.
2. Manage COVID-19 vaccine inventory for vaccines distributed by Toronto Public Health

'Team Toronto' COVID-19 vaccination participation

- Since April 2021, 13 enrolled primary care providers have increased to 320 community providers
- 'Team Toronto' community vaccinators have provided over 200,000 COVID-19 vaccines
- Demand for community vaccine availability is expected to increase as the COVID-19 vaccine program becomes part of routine respiratory prevention

Providers enrolled with Toronto Public Health for COVID-19 vaccine orders



Year	Total COVID 19 vaccine doses shipped		
	Primary care providers	Long-term care	Health care facilities
2021	80,183	10,302	0*
2022	85,949	24,342	0*
2023	9,450	6,334	1,489

*Hospitals were not ordering vaccines through TPH until March 2023
[TPH Vaccine Distribution Dashboard](#) as of August 29, 2023

- Ontario case counts and percent positivity doubled from July to August, however case counts remain low overall
- Toronto activity is low and stable, with percent positivity increasing
- Toronto wastewater signals remain low and stable
- Hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and deaths from COVID-19 are low

New Variants of Interest (VOI)

- EG.5 has recently become the dominant VOI circulating in Ontario (and in Toronto)
- Increases in virus activity suggest that EG.5 is potentially more transmissible and immune evasive
- BA.2.86 has more mutations than other VOIs, which could make it more transmissible and immune evasive but it is too soon to know
- BA.2.86 was first detected in Canada in BC on August 29, 2023
- No evidence of increased severity