

Update on COVID-19

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Members' Lounge, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W

The eligibility for booking vaccine appointments is determined by the Province of Ontario.

Effective 08:00 AM yesterday morning, the Province of Ontario extended vaccine eligibility to those 45 years of age and older, who live in hotspot areas.

Further, beginning tomorrow morning at 08:00 AM, childcare workers in licensed childcare settings are also eligible to book their appointment for COVID-19 vaccine, in any of the City-operated vaccine clinics.

Over the course of this week, we are able to vaccinate approximately 46,000 people across our network of city-operated clinics.

I am pleased to report that 10,651 people successfully booked their appointments for vaccine in a city-operated clinic on Monday, another 21,046 booked yesterday, and as of 10:00 this morning, a further 2,248 people have booked today. As of this morning, there were a few vaccine appointments available for the remainder of this week, and there are still appointments available to be booked during the week of May 3 and May 10.

To summarize, the following groups of people are eligible to book their appointment for COVID-19 vaccine in a city-operated clinic:

- Anyone who is 60 years of age or older;
- Anyone 45 years of age or older, who lives in one of the identified hotspot neighbourhoods;
- Anyone who is pregnant;
- Any elementary or secondary education workers who work in a [COVID-19 hot spot](#) in Toronto;
- Any elementary or secondary education workers who support students with special education needs;
- Any elementary or secondary education workers who live in a Toronto hot spot; and
- Beginning tomorrow morning, any childcare workers who work in licensed child care settings.

Residents who are 60 years of age and older, along with residents who are 45 years of age and older and who live in one of the identified hotspot neighbourhoods are able to book their appointment via the Provincial online booking system.

Those who are pregnant, education workers and beginning tomorrow childcare workers are able to book their appointment by calling the Provincial Call Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

The number of appointments that are made available in city-operated vaccine clinics, corresponds directly with the number of doses of vaccine that are available to be administered.

As vaccine availability begins to increase moving forward, we are both able and ready to expand our clinic operations to match.

In closing, I would like to address one important question that has been raised of late.

Regardless of where you receive your vaccine, and regardless of which vaccine you receive, there are no costs or fees that you are required to pay.

Receiving your COVID-19 vaccine is free for everyone, including receiving your vaccine in a pharmacy or any clinic location.

Thank you for all that you do to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our City.

Please continue to monitor [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) for the most up to date information on Immunizations in Toronto.

Thank you.