

## Update on COVID-19

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**May 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

I would like to begin this afternoon, by acknowledging that this is National Nursing Week in Canada.

Never before has the essential role of nurses been more evident than it both has been, and continues to be, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nurses are on the very frontlines of the response to COVID-19 and we owe them a sincere debt of gratitude.

On behalf of all of us, I extend a most sincere thank you to all the nurses who continue to give so much of themselves, in service to others.

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

At 08:00 tomorrow morning, the Province will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine to all individuals with at-risk health conditions, such as dementia and diabetes, as well to "Group Two" of people who cannot work from home, including grocery store, restaurant and transportation workers.

Information on the details for each of these groups of people are available on our website at [Toronto.ca/covid19](https://toronto.ca/covid19).

Today, the province also announced, that on Thursday morning, eligibility for vaccine will expand to include all those who are 40 years of age and older.

This week, our City-operated vaccine clinics will be operating at the highest rates of vaccine administration yet.

Late last week, we made an additional 17,000 vaccine appointments available in city-operated clinics this week, as a result of additional vaccine being made available to us.

Accordingly, we will be able to administer more than 97,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine across the network of 9 city-operated clinics over the course of this week.

The number of appointments that are made available corresponds directly with the number of doses of vaccine that are available to be administered.

As of this morning, there were approximately 7,600 appointments remaining available this week.

All city-operated COVID-19 vaccine clinic appointments can be booked via the online Provincial Booking System, which can be accessed from the [Toronto.ca/covid19](https://toronto.ca/covid19) website.

Appointments can also be booked via the Provincial call centre by calling 1-833-943-3900.

Of course, our ability to make vaccine appointments available, and to administer vaccine in city-operated clinics, is dependent upon supply.

As of this morning, while our city-operated clinics are very close to being fully booked for a number of weeks, there are appointment times remaining available between today and June 13.

For the remainder of this week, our clinics are 92% booked;

- For the week of May 17, our clinics are fully booked;
- For the week of May 24, our clinics are 99% booked;
- For the week of May 31, our clinics are 95% booked; and
- For the week of June 7, our clinics are currently booked at 53%, though we expect that will change quickly as eligibility expands across the province.

Should the Province of Ontario make additional vaccine available to us for any of these periods of time, we are able to open additional appointments to match.

I remind everyone that, in addition to the vaccine opportunities in city-operated clinics, our hospital and Ontario Health Team partners are also administering vaccines each day.

Please go to [vaccineto.ca](http://vaccineto.ca) for opportunities that may exist across their network of clinics.

I also encourage those active on Twitter to follow Vaccine Hunters Canada for additional opportunities and information about vaccine outside of the City's clinics.

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](http://Toronto.ca/COVID-19) for the most up to date information on Immunizations in Toronto.