

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

**June 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

With more than 2.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered thus far in Toronto, more than 70% of adults, over the age of 18, have received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine.

Between 08:00 and 1:00 this afternoon, 55,992 appointments have been successfully booked in city-operated clinics.

Thank you to everyone who has, and continues to support this important effort and to everyone who has made the effort to get their vaccine.

Everyone, who is 12 years of age or older is eligible to be vaccinated.

Also, as of 08:00 this morning, anyone 70 years of age or older, along with anyone who received their first dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine on or before April 18, are now eligible to receive their second dose of vaccine.

As a reminder, we administer the Pfizer vaccine in all 9 city-operated vaccine clinics.

Anyone in either of these groups, who wishes to take advantage of the accelerated 2<sup>nd</sup> dose eligibility, can do so by accessing the Provincial Booking System via [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19).

The Provincial Booking System has been updated with a clear and intuitive process for booking an earlier 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine online.

If you prefer to either book or reschedule your appointment by phone, you can do so by calling the Provincial Call Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

I am pleased that we were able to open more than 10,000 additional appointments, in City-operated clinics for this week, which have been booked up quickly.

As of this morning, there were only 100 appointments available, in City-operated vaccine clinics, for the remainder of this week.

Based on current vaccine allocations, our clinics are also nearly fully booked for the week of June 14, although there are still appointments available for the weeks of June 21 and 28.

Between today and July 4, based on current vaccine allocations, as of early this afternoon, there are approximately 14,000 appointments available in city-operated vaccine clinics.

If you received a first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine you can choose to either receive a second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, or you can choose to receive a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for your second dose.

Both second-dose options are safe and provide strong protection against COVID-19 and will count as a completed immunization series.

You will be eligible to receive your second dose at the recommended 12-week interval.

If you would like a second dose of AstraZeneca, you can book your appointment by contacting the pharmacy or primary care provider where you received your first dose.

If you wish to receive a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine as your second dose, you can schedule your second dose appointment at a participating pharmacy, or as of this morning, you can also book your second dose through the provincial booking system.

All of these options are safe, provide strong protection against COVID-19, and will count as a completed series, meaning that you will be fully vaccinated.

I continue to encourage everyone, who is 12 years of age and older, and who has not yet received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine, to book your appointment to receive your 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine as very soon as you are able.

For vaccine opportunities outside the network of city-operated clinics, please go to [vaccineto.ca](https://vaccineto.ca) for vaccine opportunities that may exist in Team Toronto partner clinics.

For those active on social media, I also encourage you to follow Vaccine Hunters Canada on Twitter for additional information on opportunities to receive COVID-19 vaccine in Toronto.

Please ensure that you cancel your appointment, via the Provincial Booking System or the Provincial Call Centre, in the event that you will not be attending your scheduled appointment.

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