

Update on COVID-19

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

Before I provide my vaccine clinic operations update for today, I would like to acknowledge that yesterday, we administered our highest-ever number of doses of vaccine, in a single day, across our network of city operated clinics.

Yesterday alone, our city-operated clinics and mobile teams administered a total of 16,592 doses of vaccine – 15,057 doses in our clinics and another 1,535 doses through our mobile clinic operations.

This is an extraordinary achievement and one that I am deeply appreciative of.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to make this happen, as well as everyone who continues to both administer and receive vaccine each day in Toronto.

This week, across the 9 City-operated vaccine clinics, we are able to administer more than 111,000 doses of vaccine.

Next week, we are able to administer more than 124,000 doses.

These are the highest vaccine clinic capacities we have achieved yet.

We have been able to scale up to these maximum clinic operation levels as a result of additional supply of Moderna mRNA vaccine being provided by the Province of Ontario.

As of 10:00 last night, our City-operated clinics are nearly fully booked this week, with only 36 appointments remaining available.

For next week, our clinics are 92% booked with approximately 9,926 appointments remaining available.

Given the reductions in the available quantities of Pfizer mRNA vaccine, our clinics are administering the Moderna mRNA vaccine to everyone over the age of 18 years of age.

The limited supply of Pfizer mRNA vaccine is being reserved in our clinics for those youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age.

As Dr. de Villa has explained, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has indicated that anyone who received a 1st dose of the Pfizer mRNA vaccine, can safely and confidently receive a 2nd dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine, and vice-versa, resulting in them being fully immunized against COVID-19.

We are continuing to work with the Province of Ontario with respect to confirming vaccine allocations for July 5th and onward.

As soon as we have confirmation as to vaccine allocation for that time period, we will open additional appointments in City-operated clinics for the week of July 5th.

Beginning July 5 and thereafter, each City-operated vaccine clinic will administer mRNA vaccines on an interchangeable basis, based on the availability and supply of vaccine.

I am one of the many who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Moderna mRNA vaccine.

Our collective ability to remain ahead of the Delta variant, and to keep the Provincial reopening plan on track, is largely dependent on our ability to get as many people fully vaccinated as possible, as quickly as possible.

Everyone, who is 12 years of age or older continues to be eligible to receive their 1st dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

As of this morning, the Province of Ontario has again accelerated second dose eligibility.

People who received their first dose of mRNA vaccine, on or before May 30, and who live in Toronto and other defined areas, are eligible to receive their second dose of vaccine provided that it has been a minimum of 28 days since their first dose.

Those who received their first dose of the Astra-Zeneca vaccine are eligible to receive a second dose at least 8 weeks following their first dose.

All the details on eligibility, along with the link to book your appointment online, can be found at [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19).

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.

For vaccine opportunities outside the network of city-operated clinics, please go to 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.