

Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

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

Each and every day, we are continuing to administer thousands of doses of COVID-19 vaccine across Toronto.

In fact, yesterday alone, more than 22,000 doses of vaccine were administered in Toronto – across the network of City-operated clinics, Team Toronto partner clinics, pharmacies and primary care physicians.

At present, the majority of doses administered across our network of City-operated clinics are 2nd doses.

This is exciting, given that every single person who receives their 2nd dose of vaccine is achieving the best possible protection against COVID-19 and especially the highly contagious Delta variant.

Yesterday, during a clinic operations and planning meeting, Dr. de Villa explained to me that the people who are at the most significant risk of hospitalization or death, as a result of COVID-19 and the Delta variant, are those who are not fully vaccinated.

The Delta COVID-19 variant is actively spreading, both in Toronto and across the world.

This is why we continue to do all that we can to encourage and support everyone in getting both doses of vaccine as fast as possible.

I strongly encourage everyone who has not yet been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to get vaccinated without delay, in order to best protect yourself from this deadly virus.

Our nine City-operated, mass vaccine clinics continue to operate seven days per week across Toronto.

There are thousands of doses of vaccine available each day in our clinics, and across the network of Team Toronto vaccine clinics.

Those who prefer to have a confirmed location, date and time for their vaccine appointment can book their appointment either online via [Toronto.ca/COVID-19](https://toronto.ca/COVID-19) or by phone at 1-833-943-3900.

For those who are unable or prefer not to book a confirmed appointment in advance, we are also accepting walk-in vaccine appointments in some of our City-operated clinics. This includes walk-in appointments for youth 12 years and older.

Today, walk-in appointments are available in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto Congress Centre, the Hangar, Cloverdale Mall and Malvern Recreation Centre clinic locations.

As Mayor Tory announced, beginning tomorrow, we are making walk-in appointments available in all 9 of our City-operated vaccine clinics.

Walk-in vaccine appointments are available between 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM daily for both 1st dose and 2nd dose appointments.

On average, we are vaccinating approximately 6,300 walk-in clients each week.

There are more than 128,500 people who have scheduled their 2nd dose appointments, in City-operated clinics, between August and November this year.

I strongly encourage everyone who has one of these 2nd dose appointments to either go online or to call the Provincial call centre in order to reschedule your 2nd dose appointment to as soon as you are eligible to receive your 2nd dose.

Our team is also proactively reaching out to each of these people to encourage them directly to accelerate their 2nd dose appointment.

For information on the eligibility to receive vaccine and to book or reschedule your appointment in a city-operated clinic, please visit [Toronto.ca/COVID19](https://toronto.ca/COVID19).

Thank you.