

## Update on COVID-19

Chief Pegg, Fire Chief & General Manager of Emergency Management

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

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

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

In fact, yesterday alone, more than 44,000 doses of vaccine were administered in Toronto – across the network of City-operated clinics, Team Toronto partner clinics, pharmacies and primary care physicians.

On a daily basis, approximately 10% of the doses administered are 1<sup>st</sup> doses of vaccine, with the remaining 90% being 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

This is exciting, as every dose of vaccine that is administered means that another person is protecting themselves and those around them from COVID-19.

Our 9 City-operated, mass vaccine clinics continue to operate 7 days per week.

We are fortunate to be in the position where we now have sufficient vaccine allocation to permit maximum capacity operations, in every clinic, on a daily basis.

Each day, 17,820 people are able to receive their COVID-19 vaccine in City-operated clinics, in addition to all the doses being administered by our Team Toronto partners, pharmacies and primary care physicians across the City.

More than 205,000 people already have booked their upcoming vaccine appointments in City-operated clinics.

I am pleased to report that there are still lots of appointments available, including availability this week, for those who have yet to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and for those who require their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine.

If you received your first dose of either Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine at least 28 days ago, or if you received your 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Astra Zeneca at least 8 weeks ago, you are eligible to receive your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine now and I encourage you to do so now.

For the remainder of this week, there are approximately 26,000 vaccine appointments available in City-operated clinics; 49,000 for the week of July 12 and 90,000 for the week of July 19.

As more and more people are completing their COVID-19 vaccinations, and now that we have an excellent supply of vaccine to administer, we are taking the opportunity to further evolve our clinic operating model to make it even easier for people to be vaccinated

Accordingly, as Mayor Tory announced, we will be launching a walk-in vaccine program in our Toronto Congress Centre location, beginning tomorrow.

The walk-in program is in addition to the scheduled appointment system that is already in place, and I continue to encourage everyone who would prefer to have a confirmed date and time for their vaccine appointment to book via the Provincial Booking System.

However, starting tomorrow at our Toronto Congress Centre clinic location only, we will accept walk-in vaccine clients who do not have a pre-scheduled appointment, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM daily.

There will be a clearly defined walk-in client line with clinic staff there to greet and assist those who arrive for walk-in services.

Our staff will register and vaccinate walk-in clients when they arrive, on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be no change nor any impact to those clients who have a pre-scheduled appointment. They will continue to receive their vaccine on their scheduled date and time.

Our clinic management team will monitor vaccine availability throughout the day, with the goal of administering every available dose of vaccine, each day.

We will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this program over the next several days and we will consider expanding walk-in services to include other City-operated clinics moving forward, in accordance with individual clinic capacity and appointment availability.

Based on current appointment availability, from Thursday through Sunday this week, there are more than 2,000 walk-in appointments available each of these days at the Toronto Congress Centre.

We will provide the number of walk-in appointments available each day to Vaccine Hunters Canada, such that they can share this information with their social media followers.

To be clear, the walk-in program will only be available in the Toronto Congress Centre clinic location until further notice and will be available from 12:00 noon through 7:00 pm daily.

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

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.

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.

I continue to encourage everyone to access our [Toronto.ca/COVID19](https://toronto.ca/COVID19) website for the most current information on vaccines and COVID-19 response in Toronto.

Thank you.