

COVID-19 VACCINES

PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL SPECIALTY PROGRAM

PATIENT REFERRAL FORM

Important to Note

- Referral form to be completed **ONLY** when vaccination administration is unable to be completed by Physician or Specialty Program responsible for eligible patient care.
- To refer an eligible candidate and identify optimal timing to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, this form must be **COMPLETED IN FULL** and shared with the patient. Upon completion, this form may be provided digitally in pdf format to eligible patients.
- Patient **MUST** present the completed form when attending their **vaccination appointment** (See page 2 for details).
- This form should NOT be sent to Toronto Public Health.

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Patient Address: _____

Patient Health Card Number: _____

Based on the [recommendation](#) of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts, moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals are recommended to **complete a three-dose primary series and stay up-to-date with a booster dose at least 3 months (84 days) after their last COVID-19 dose or previous infection**. This will help provide sufficient protection based on a suboptimal or waning immune response to vaccines and increased risk of COVID-19 infection. Recommended maximum deferral duration following completion of specific immunosuppressive therapies is listed in the [Ministry of Health: Medical Exemption Guidance - Table 5](#).

PATIENT ELIGIBILITY:

Please identify the relevant sub-category below of patient eligibility for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine:
(Note: The Patient must meet one or more of the criteria listed below. Patients with other health conditions/criteria will not be accepted for booster doses at this time - See page 2 for consensus definitions)

- ☐ Receiving dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis)
- ☐ Receiving active treatment* for solid tumour and hematologic malignancies
- ☐ Recipient of a solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy
- ☐ Recipient of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within two years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy)
- ☐ Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g. DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- ☐ Stage 3 or advanced untreated HIV infection and those with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- ☐ Undergoing active treatment* with the following categories of immunosuppressive therapies: anti-B cell therapies (monoclonal antibodies targeting CD19, CD20 and CD22), high-dose systemic corticosteroids (refer to the [Immunization of Immunocompromised Persons -Canadian Immunization Guide](#) for suggested definition of high dose steroids), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, or tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents that are significantly immunosuppressive (see [COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance](#) - Appendix G: List of Immunosuppressant Medications).

PATIENT-SPECIFIC TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS AND SCHEDULING:

Please Note: Booster dose vaccinations can be administered no earlier than 3 months (or 84 days) after third dose.

CONDITION-SPECIFIC TREATMENT NEEDS:

☐ **No Treatment Considerations**
(May book as appropriate after third dose)

☐ **Yes, treatment must be considered**
(May book as appropriate after third dose)
Specific Scheduling Requirements: _____

THREE-DOSE VACCINATION SCHEDULE & TYPE(S):

1ST DOSE: Vaccine Type: _____ 2ND DOSE: Vaccine Type: _____ 3RD DOSE: Vaccine Type: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Organization/Physician Name: _____ has provided information regarding the risks, benefits, and timing of a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine and confirms the information above to be true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Consensus Definitions for Currently Eligible Patients

*Active Treatment for Solid Tumour or Malignant Hematological Conditions

Recipients of stable, active treatment that can cause moderate to severe immunosuppression including:

- Patients receiving chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy, and excludes individuals receiving therapy that does not suppress the immune system (e.g. solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy)
- All malignant hematology patients who are on treatment or are within six months post-treatment (including all CML patients)
- Patients who have completed treatment within three months, or within 12 months for patients receiving B-cell depleting therapy
- Patients who are on active treatment with the following categories of immunosuppressive therapies: anti-B cell therapies (monoclonal antibodies targeting CD19, CD20 and CD22, e.g. rituximab, ocrelizumab, obinutuzumab, ofatumumab), high-dose systemic corticosteroids (prednisone equivalent of ≥ 20 mg/day), alkylating agents (e.g. bendamustine, cyclophosphamide), antimetabolites (e.g. 5-fluorouracil, methotrexate), or tumour-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors (e.g. infliximab) and other biologic agents that are significantly immunosuppressive (see [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendation](#) - Table 1: List of Immunosuppressant Medications for Third Dose).
- Patients of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within two years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy).

Patients must bring this completed form, along with their Ontario Health Card, or appropriate piece of identification, to their appointment.

- We have made the following arrangement for your vaccine and it is scheduled for:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Location: _____

For questions/concerns/missed appointments please contact:

OR

- You can access the vaccine through select pharmacies, hospitals, community clinics, and doctors' offices participating in the Ontario COVID-19 vaccination program. Visit:
<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/>

OR

- COVID-19 vaccinations are available at all five [City-run clinics](#) **by appointment only**:
 - 1 Eglinton Square, Cloverdale Mall, Crossroads Plaza, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Mitchell Field Community Centre, Thorncliffe Park Community Hub.
 - Residents can book their appointment by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY 1-866-797-0007).
 - For more information about Toronto vaccination clinics please visit:
<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/>
 - Call **Toronto Public Health Hotline** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.
Telephone: 416-338-7600 **TTY:** 416-392-0658 **Email:** PublicHealth@toronto.ca