

# COVID-19 VACCINE NEWSLETTER

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## GETTING THE FIRST AND SECOND DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE IS QUICK AND EASY

It is strongly recommended that all individuals born in 2009 or earlier receive the full COVID-19 vaccine series as soon as possible. All individuals who have received their first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days ago can now get their second dose. Youth under 18 years of age must receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

For first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine, appointments can be booked [online](#), or by calling 705-360-4819 (Timmins) or 1-800-461-1818, or go to a drop-in clinic to get vaccinated the same day. Visit the [PHU vaccine webpage](#) to find out when upcoming clinics are scheduled.

### NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

[Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings | Ontario Newsroom](#)

[New Requirement for Proof of Vaccination in Certain Settings: Frequently Asked Questions | Ontario Newsroom](#)

[Ontario Salutes Work of Province's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force | Ontario Newsroom](#)

[Summary: NACI recommendation on the use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines in adolescents - Canada.ca](#)

**Are you looking  
for your COVID-19  
vaccination receipt?**



Visit: <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>  
with your health card number and  
fill in the requested information!



### COVID-19 VACCINE NUMBERS:

Vaccine doses given at PHU immunization clinics: 96,551.

Number of people vaccinated with at least 1 dose of vaccine in the PHU area: 51,433.

80.4% of individuals 12 years of age and older in the PHU area have received at least one dose of vaccine.

71.2% of individuals 12 years of age and older in the PHU area have received two doses of vaccine.

## PORCUPINE HEALTH UNIT COVID-19 INFORMATION LINE

Call or email with any inquiries about COVID-19. If you or a loved one are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine but are experiencing barriers to accessing the vaccine clinics and need support, call, or email the health unit.

Timmins: 705-360-4819 Toll free: 1-800-461-1818

Email: [info4you@porcupinehu.on.ca](mailto:info4you@porcupinehu.on.ca)

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## ONTARIO'S ENHANCED COVID-19 VACCINE CERTIFICATE IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL THAT WILL PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19

To protect individuals from COVID-19, and the Delta-driven fourth wave of the pandemic, the Government of Ontario is introducing a mandatory enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate which will come into effect on September 22, 2021. Ontarians born in 2009 or earlier will need to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination along with photo ID to enter higher-risk indoor businesses, public settings, and facilities, such as:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

Vaccines provide the best protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant. The COVID-19 vaccine certificates will slow the spread of the virus, keep people safe, protect the province's hospital capacity, avoid lockdowns, keep schools safe and support businesses. Vaccination offers substantial protection against severe health outcomes from COVID-19 infection. Unvaccinated people have a 6 times higher risk of COVID-19 infection with symptoms, a 30 times higher risk of being hospitalized, and a 48 times higher risk of being in the ICU compared to fully vaccinated people

Vaccine receipts are available in PDF form and may be printed or downloaded to your computer, phone, or tablet from the [Ontario booking portal](#), or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. Individuals who received the COVID-19 vaccine out of province should contact the Porcupine Health Unit to record their information and receive proper documentation. The province of Ontario will develop and implement an enhanced vaccine certificate with unique QR code and accompanying verification app that will allow users to securely and safely verify their vaccination status when scanned. This could be stored on a mobile device. The enhanced vaccine certificate, as well as a verification app to allow businesses to read the QR code, will be available beginning October 22, 2021.

### HELPFUL LINKS:

[Myocarditis and pericarditis after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination in children: Interim guidance document - SickKids Hospital](#)

[Vaccinated against COVID-19? What does it mean to me? - Canada.ca](#)

[Vaccines for COVID-19 - Canada.ca](#)

[COVID-19 vaccine safety: Weekly report on side effects following immunization - Canada.ca](#)

[Regulating vaccines for human use in Canada - Canada.ca](#)

[Vaccine development and approval in Canada - Canada.ca](#)

[COVID-19: How vaccines are developed \(video\) - Canada.ca](#)

[Reopening Ontario | Ontario.ca](#)

[COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Safety \(porcupinehu.on.ca\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Resources \(porcupinehu.on.ca\)](#)