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## COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #8 COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment & Wait List are Temporarily FULL

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health

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Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Hospices, Coroners, Dentists

**Date:** March 4, 2021

We have had a very enthusiastic response to the opportunity to book appointments at our Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. As such, we currently have more people on our wait list than we will be able to provide appointments to in our next round of available appointments, based on our upcoming vaccine supply.

Health unit staff will be utilizing the wait list to book all of the available appointments for March  $10^{th} - 16^{th}$ . People who are currently on the waitlist will be contacted by public health. Our phone system is over capacity so we would ask that people please be patient and await this call.

Any people remaining on the wait list after all appointments are full March  $10^{th} - 16^{th}$  will be contacted if there are any additional doses available at clinics at the end of each day.

The province is launching a provincial booking service on March 15<sup>th</sup> which will include phone support along with an online booking system. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be transitioning to this system, and will communicate with anyone remaining on the wait list at that time to book their appointment in the new system. We will also indicate on our website and by HealthFax when the provincial booking service is open for new bookings for people not already on the waitlist.

For more information about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine in our area, please refer to the <u>Simcoe Muskoka</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Plan</u><sup>i</sup>.

## **Additional Information**

For more information on the province's three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan, please visit COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario.<sup>ii</sup>

There are a number of COVID-19 resources and documents available through our Health Professional Portal at <a href="https://www.smdhu.org/hpportal">www.smdhu.org/hpportal</a> as well as through <a href="https://www.smdhu.org/hpportal">Public Health Ontario</a> in and the <a href="https://www.smdhu.org/hpportal">Government of Ontario</a>.

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https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19/Vaccine-and-Immunization

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario

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