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## COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #54

### COVID-19 Vaccine Order Changes, Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, COVID-19 Clinic Updates, Grade 7 Catch-Up Clinics, Routine Immunizations and ISPA

**Attention:** Physicians, Emergency Departments, Hospital CEOs, Hospital Laboratories, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, EMS, Designated Officers, Midwives, Family Health Teams, Pharmacies, Central LHIN, NSM LHIN, Beausoleil First Nation, Moose Deer Point First Nation, Rama First Nation, Wahta First Nation, Long-term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Hospices, Coroners, Funeral Directors, Dentists, Group Homes, Homes for Special Care, Optometrists, Corrections, Municipalities, Licensed Child Care Providers

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#### Vaccine Order Changes: COVID-19 and Publicly Funded Vaccines

We are moving **all** vaccine orders including COVID-19 vaccine to be placed by 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday, for pick-up the following Wednesday morning effective May 3, 2022. The last Tuesday to place an order for COVID-19 vaccine is on Tuesday April 26, 2022.

#### Novavax Nuvaxovid® COVID-19 Vaccine

Novavax Nuvaxovid® COVID-19 vaccine is now available for people who have been unable, due to contraindications, or not willing to receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. It can be ordered through the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) if you have a sufficient number of clients requesting it. Our [COVID-19 Vaccine Order Form](#) has been updated to include this vaccine.

The vaccine comes in **10-dose vials**, no mixing is required; however, once punctured it is only stable for 6 hours from first puncture. Alternatively, we are currently offering Novavax clinics in local health unit offices. If you have patients interested in this vaccine, they can complete our online [Request Form](#) to be put on a waitlist to attend a Novavax clinic at one of our SMDHU offices.

#### COVID-19 Clinic Location/Times Updates

SMDHU is currently operating the Georgian Mall clinic in Barrie. We have both booked appointments in the [provincial booking system](#) and are accepting walk-in appointments. Our clinic times are 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

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All local clinic information for fixed clinics and pop-up clinics (including frequent GO-VAXX bus bookings) is posted on our [website](#). The [COVID-19 vaccination clinic \(RVH\)](#) at 29 Sperling Drive in Barrie and the [Couchiching OHT COVID-19 vaccination clinic](#) remain open, in addition to widespread pharmacy access.

### **Grade 7 School Vaccination Catch-Up**

Grade 7 vaccination program catch-up has started throughout Simcoe and Muskoka with a focus on high school students who are now in grade 9 and 10. Primary care providers can continue to order grade 7 catch-up vaccine from [SMDHU Barrie, Collingwood, Cookstown, Midland](#) offices or [SMDHU Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Orillia](#) offices for their patients. Please remind parents to update their child's immunization records on our secure online system: <https://smdhu.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome>.

### **Routine Childhood Immunizations and Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)**

Please ensure that you have vaccine in your fridges. Primary care providers can order vaccine from [SMDHU Barrie, Collingwood, Cookstown, Midland offices](#) or [SMDHU Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Orillia offices](#) for their patients. Please encourage families that are receiving vaccine in primary care offices to report to SMDHU online via <https://smdhu.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome>.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine ordering process or are calling to report a Cold Chain Failure, please contact the Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

### **Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

For more information about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine in our area, please refer to the SMDHU [COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunization](#) webpages.

There are a number of COVID-19 resources and documents available through our Health Professional Portal at [www.smdhu.org/hpportal](http://www.smdhu.org/hpportal) as well as through [Public Health Ontario](#) and the [Government of Ontario](#).