

COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #7

Upcoming Vaccination Sequencing for Phase One Priority Populations:

Adults 85 and over, next priority Health Care Workers, Indigenous Adults and Chronic Home Care Recipients

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, 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

Date: February 24, 2021

Launch of Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics – March 1st 2021

With vaccine supply continuing to increase and eligible populations broadening, we are pleased to announce our Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will begin operating on March 1st in each of the following six regions:

Region	Clinic Locations
Barrie and Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 Sperling Drive, Barrie Holly Recreation Centre, Barrie Innisfil Recreation Complex
Muskoka Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Living Centre, Huntsville Bracebridge Sportsplex
Couchiching Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Orillia Sports Complex, Rotary Place Arena, Orillia
North Simcoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, Midland Penetanguishene Memorial Arena
South Georgian Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collingwood Royal Canadian Legion (Drive thru) Wasaga Beach RecPlex Community Centre (Drive thru)
South Simcoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alliston Memorial Arena Tottenham Community Centre Bob Fallis Arena, Bradford

Please note that this is an initial list of clinic sites. Pop-up clinics and additional locations will be added as the vaccine program rollout continues in the coming months. Not every location will not run every day.

Important Clinic Information

- All clinics are by appointment only. Now that we are moving to immunizing larger groups and broader subsections of our population, we will be using a publicly accessible booking system.



- The appointment booking system will be made available to the public commencing Thursday, February 25. We ask that partners not book any appointments in the booking system until then as we are continuing to update the appointment availability at this time.
- Clinic schedules will vary for the time being based on vaccine supply.
- Appointments to receive the second dose will be made at the clinic when the person receives their first dose. The majority of people will be booked to receive their second dose 35 days following their first. Those over 80 years of age will be booked to receive their second dose 21-27 days after their first.

At this time, we are proceeding with planning to vaccinate the remaining populations identified provincially in Phase 1. Due to limited vaccine supply, we are starting with the highest priority members of those groups where relevant. We will provide an update when we are able to proceed with the remainder of the groups. The following groups are remaining in Phase 1 (column 1) and now eligible (column 2) to book appointments to receive COVID-19 vaccine starting March 1st at our community clinics:

Next Phase 1 Provincial Priority Groups	CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE IN SIMCOE MUSKOKA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 80 years of age and older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 85 years of age and older
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Indigenous adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 55 years of age and older and their adult household members aged 16 and older (Indigenous or non-Indigenous)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult recipients of chronic home care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very High Priority and High Priority frontline health care workers (including custodial, reception and other staff) in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization¹ 	<p>Very High Priority frontline health care workers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute care and other hospital settings (patient care areas not included in Highest Priority (e.g., surgical care, obstetrics, etc.)). • Congregate settings (assisted living, correctional settings, residential facilities, hospices and palliative care settings, shelters, supportive housing (outside of Highest Priority level)). • Community care with high risk of exposure and serving specialized patient populations (Community Health Centers, Home and Community Care (outside of the Highest Priority level), Adult day programs for seniors). • Other health care services for Indigenous populations (Community agencies with patient-facing providers delivering any type of health services to First Nations communities and Indigenous Peoples that are not captured in Highest Priority). • Community care with high risk of exposure and serving the general population (Birth centres,

	<p>Community Based Specialists, Death investigation professionals, Dentistry, Gynecology/obstetrics, Midwifery, Nurse practitioner-led clinics / contract nursing agencies, Otolaryngology (ENT), Pharmacies, Primary care, Respiriology (Respiratory Therapy), Walk-in clinics).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory services
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We are also arranging mobile clinics to vaccinate the following Phase 1 populations:

- Staff, residents, and caregivers in congregate care settings for seniors that haven't yet been vaccinated (e.g., assisted living)
- Indigenous adults, arranged in collaboration with Indigenous organizations

The following groups who have already been eligible, remain eligible if they have not already been vaccinated:

- Residents, staff, and essential caregivers in long-term care homes (LTCH), retirement homes (Rhomes) and local First Nations elder care homes
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a LTCH, Rhome or other congregate care home for seniors
- Indigenous adults in northern remote and higher risk communities, including local First Nations (on-reserve) communities
- Highest Priority health care workers in accordance with the [Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#)ⁱⁱ which includes:
 - **All hospital and acute care staff in frontline roles with COVID-19 patients and/or with a high-risk of exposure to COVID-19, including those performing aerosol-generating procedures:**
 - Critical Care Units
 - Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Departments
 - COVID-19 Medical Units
 - Code Blue Teams, rapid response teams
 - General internal medicine and other specialists involved in the direct care of COVID-19 positive patients
 - **All patient-facing health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response:**
 - COVID-19 Specimen Collection Centers (e.g., Assessment centers, community COVID-19 testing locations)
 - Teams supporting outbreak response (e.g., IPAC teams supporting outbreak management, inspectors in the patient environment, redeployed health care workers supporting outbreaks or staffing crisis in congregate living settings)
 - COVID-19 vaccine clinics and mobile immunization teams
 - Mobile Testing Teams
 - COVID-19 Isolation Centers
 - COVID-19 Laboratory Services
 - **Medical First Responders** (ORNGE, paramedics, firefighters providing medical first response).
 - **Community health care workers serving specialized populations including:**
 - Needle exchange/syringe programs & supervised consumption and treatment services
 - Aboriginal Health Access Centers, Indigenous Community Health Centers, Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Teams, and Indigenous Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics
 - Special considerations for the following:

- Community Health Centers serving disproportionately affected communities and/or communities experiencing highest burden of health, social and economic impacts from COVID-19
- Highly critical health care workers in remote and hard to access communities, e.g., sole practitioner
- Home and community care health care workers caring for recipients of chronic homecare and seniors in congregate living facilities or providing hands-on care to COVID-19 patients in the community
- Limited sectors from the Very High Priority health care worker listing

Proof of Eligibility

- Only those in the eligible groups noted in the table and listing above will be vaccinated at this time.
- At the time of booking, people will be advised only to book if they are a member of one of these groups.
- If people book who are not eligible at this time, they will be turned away at the clinic.
- Clinic staff will be checking for proof of eligibility as follows:
 - Adults 85 years of age and older – Ontario Health Card or other document with date of birth
 - Indigenous adults 55 years of age and older and their adult household members aged 16 and older (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) – Being determined with Indigenous organizations
 - Adult recipients of chronic home care – Being determined with Home and Community Care
 - Very High Priority health care workers – employment/professional identification (e.g. employee ID badge, letter from employer, documentation of professional license/registration, etc.)

How Can People Book an Appointment?

- Book online via the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org
- Have family/friend/support person book the appointment on their behalf
- Call the health unit and we will book an appointment for them if no computer/internet access: [705-721-7520](tel:705-721-7520) ([1-877-721-7520](tel:1-877-721-7520)).
- With the support of primary care, other health professionals or community partners:
 - You can visit the health unit's website (www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) and book appointments for your patients/clients
 - **For those who are able, direct notification of your eligible patients/clients would be an effective means to ensure they are aware, as a complement to the public communications that SMDHU is conducting. Further, if you are able to provide booking support if required by your patients, that is appreciated in addition to the supports by SMDHU as noted above.**

You will find instructions on how to book appointments for your patients attached to this HealthFax.

At this time, we will only be booking appointments up to one week in advance until our vaccine supply increases and becomes more predictable. We expect that demand will far exceed our vaccine supply and appointment availability. For those that visit the website (who meet the current eligibility criteria above) to book and there are no more clinic appointments available, there is a waitlist option available. We will then send an appointment to that person when more appointments are available.

It is expected that immunizing the remaining Phase 1 groups could potentially take well into April, so we appreciate everyone's patience as we move through this next phase of the vaccine rollout.

For more information about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine in our area, please refer to the [Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Plan](#).

Additional Information

For more information on the province's three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan, please visit [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

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

ⁱ http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/Guidance_for_Prioritizing_HCW_covid19_vaccination_2020-01-08.pdf

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ⁱⁱⁱ <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>

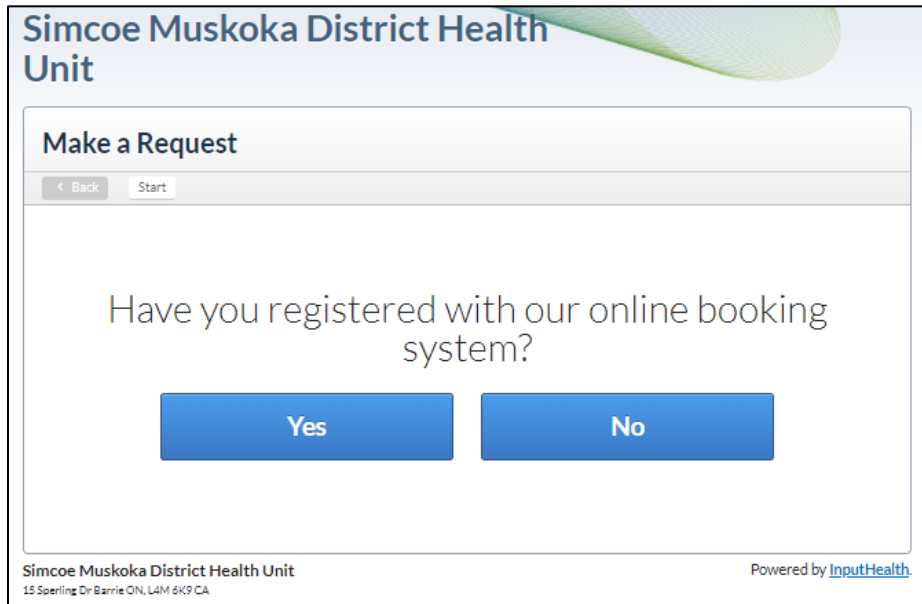
^{iv} <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>

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Booking COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Online For Simcoe Muskoka Community Vaccine Clinics

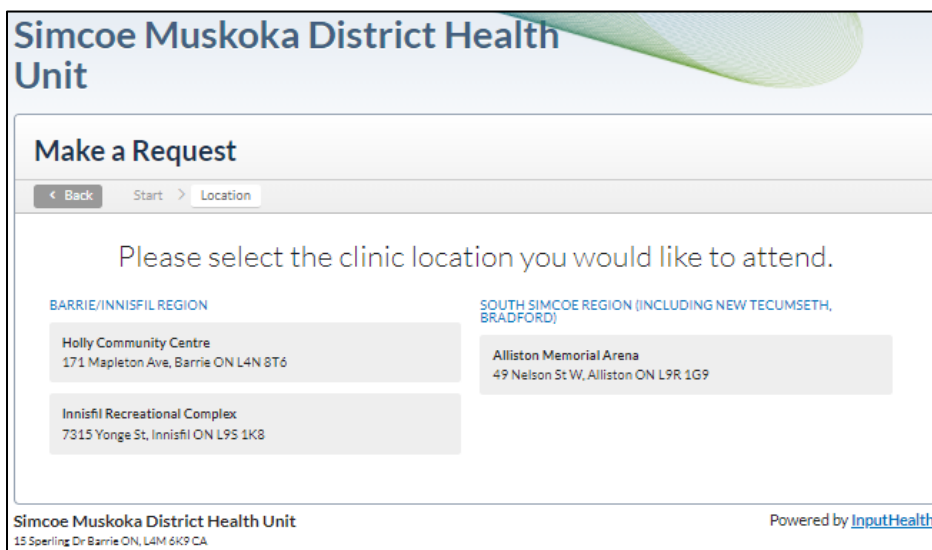
The following are instructions that can be used by health care providers and community partners who are booking an appointment on behalf of their client.

1. Go to link to book an appointment online: <https://smdhu.inputhealth.com/ebooking#new>
This system is not compatible with Internet Explorer.
2. If client has never booked an appointment with SMDHU using this system, select “No”. This is a new system for the health unit; therefore, all clients responses should be “No.”



The screenshot shows the 'Make a Request' page of the online booking system. At the top, it says 'Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit'. Below that, the heading 'Make a Request' is followed by navigation buttons for '< Back' and 'Start'. The main content area asks the user 'Have you registered with our online booking system?' with two large blue buttons labeled 'Yes' and 'No'. At the bottom, the footer includes the health unit's name, address (15 Sperling Dr Barrie ON, L4M 6K9 CA), and a note 'Powered by InputHealth.'

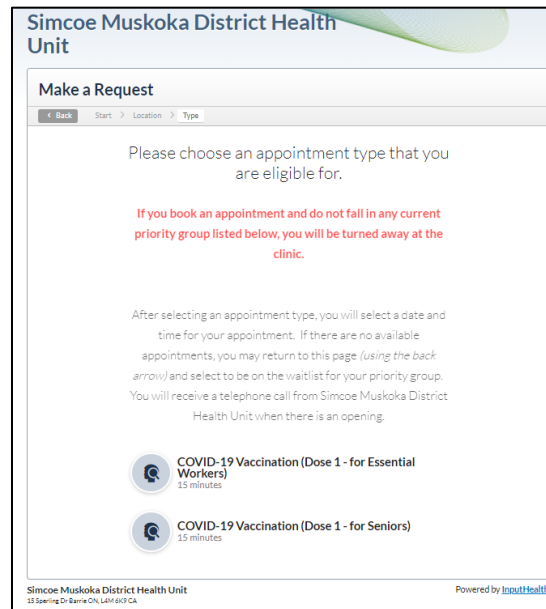
3. Select location by Region and clinic location.



The screenshot shows the 'Make a Request' page where the user is prompted to 'Please select the clinic location you would like to attend.' The page is divided into two main regions: 'BARRIE/INNISFIL REGION' and 'SOUTH SIMCOE REGION (INCLUDING NEW TECUMSETH, BRADFORD)'. Under the Barrie/Innisfil region, there are three clinic options: Holly Community Centre (171 Mapleton Ave, Barrie ON L4N 8T6), Innisfil Recreational Complex (7315 Yonge St, Innisfil ON L9S 1K8), and Alliston Memorial Arena (49 Nelson St W, Alliston ON L9R 1G9). The footer contains the health unit's name, address, and 'Powered by InputHealth.'

4. Select appointment type:

- These appointments are categorized by priority group.
- Please select the priority group that applies to the client.
- There will be more options as more vaccine arrives and priority groups are released to receive COVID-19 vaccine.
- If an appointment time is not available, the client can return to the “Clinic Location” screen using the back-arrow key to select a different clinic location. If there are no appointments available, the client can opt to be on the wait list.
- The wait list will be available as an option on the appointment type screen. The wait list option is located at the bottom of the appointment types by priority group. Please select the wait list priority group that is applicable to the client (e.g. Dose 1 – anyone 85 years and older)



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Make a Request

← Back Start Location Type

Please choose an appointment type that you are eligible for.

If you book an appointment and do not fall in any current priority group listed below, you will be turned away at the clinic.

After selecting an appointment type, you will select a date and time for your appointment. If there are no available appointments, you may return to this page (using the back arrow) and select to be on the waitlist for your priority group. You will receive a telephone call from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit when there is an opening.

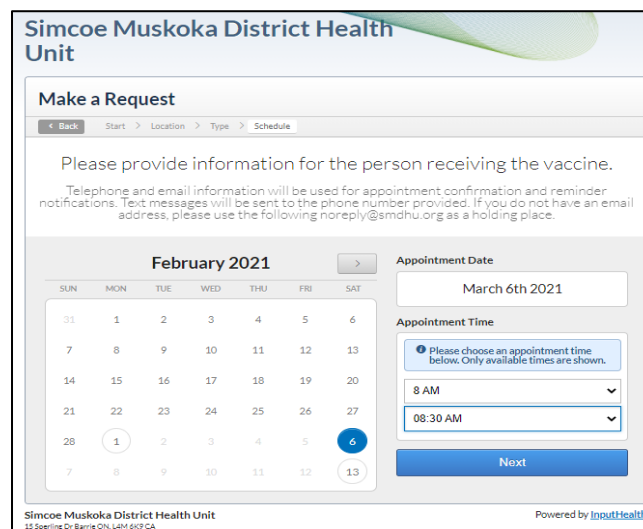
- COVID-19 Vaccination (Dose 1 - for Essential Workers) 15 minutes
- COVID-19 Vaccination (Dose 1 - for Seniors) 15 minutes

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5. Select a date and time

- Only dates that are circled have appointments available in that month.
- After selecting the date, select the time which is broken down by hour and specific time. Click “Next”
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Make a Request

← Back Start Location Type Schedule

Please provide information for the person receiving the vaccine.

Telephone and email information will be used for appointment confirmation and reminder notifications. Text messages will be sent to the phone number provided. If you do not have an email address, please use the following noreply@smdhu.org as a holding place.

February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Appointment Date
March 6th 2021

Appointment Time
Please choose an appointment time below. Only available times are shown.

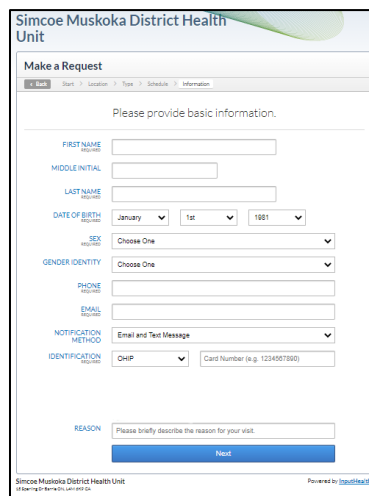
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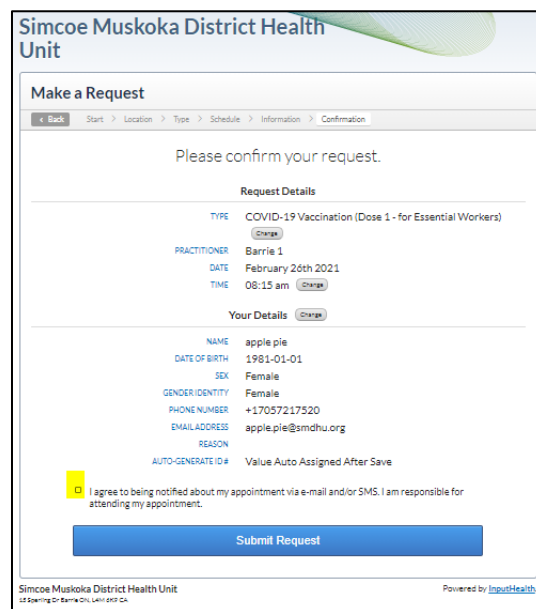
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6. Complete form with the client information (the person receiving the vaccine)
 - Phone number and email information will be used to send appointment confirmation and reminders.
 - If the person does not have a cell phone number, a land line number can be entered.
 - If the person does not have a phone number, please enter 111-111-1111
 - If the client does not have an email address, please enter noreply@smdhu.org as a place holder.
 - The following notification methods can be selected based on information provided:
 - i. Text Message – notifications will be sent to cell phone number provided.
 - ii. Email – notifications will be sent to email provided (do not select if using noreply@smdhu.org place holder).
 - iii. SMS – notifications will be sent to land line phone number provided.
 - We cannot guarantee capacity to make reminder phone calls to those who don't have an email confirmation/reminder option, so please ensure they write down the date/time/location of their appt.



7. Confirm client details and check the box (highlighted). Click “Submit Request”



8. Confirmation Page

- Confirmation page confirms the appointment has been successfully booked.
- The highlighted area is the clinic location for the appointment booked.
- The client will receive a confirmation notification to their notification method chosen.
- The client can cancel the appointment at the confirmation page (red Cancel bar) at the bottom.
- This page can be printed as needed selecting “File” and then “Print.”

The screenshot shows a web-based appointment confirmation page. At the top, it says 'Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit' and 'Apple Pie Logged in | Log Out'. Below is a message: 'Dear Ms. Pie. Your appointment at 8:15 AM on February 26th, 2021 with Barrie 1 is now confirmed. Thank you for your patience. Best Wishes, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Staff'. The appointment details are as follows:

YOUR APPOINTMENT	ADDRESS
8:15 AM Feb 26th 2021 [Change]	Alliston Memorial Arena 49 Nelson St W Alliston, ON L9R 1G9
APPOINTMENT TYPE COVID-19 Vaccination (Dose 1 - for Essential Workers)	[Map showing location]
YOUR PRACTITIONER Barrie 1	
PRE-VISIT QNAIRES None required	

At the bottom, there is a red bar with the word 'Cancel' in white. The footer includes 'Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit' and 'Powered by InputHealth'.

9. Rescheduling an appointment

- Appointment can be rescheduled through the confirmation page or in a link provided in the confirmation notification message (email/text message).
- Cancellations can be made up to 1 day prior to the scheduled appointment.
- Client can also call the health unit at 1-877-721-7520 to reschedule their appointment if they do not have access to internet.

10. Reminder Notifications

- The client will receive a reminder notifications seven days and one day prior to their appointments.
- Reminder notifications will give details of the appointment, direct clients to www.smdhu.org for information on how to prepare for their appointment such as bringing a government issued ID or employer identification to confirm eligibility.
- Clients are reminded to conduct COVID-19 screening prior to the appointment.

11. Booking Dose Two Appointments

- The clinic check-out clerk will book client dose two appointments before they leave their dose one appointment.