

COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #11

COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Open to Those 70 to 74 Years Old and Moderate Priority Health Care Workers

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Hospital CEOs, Hospital Laboratories, 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, Coroners, Funeral Directors, Dentists, Group Homes, Homes for Special Care, Optometrists, Corrections

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We are pleased to share that effective today, those who are **70 to 74 years of age** (born in 1947 - 1951) and **moderate priority health care workers (HCWs)** as per the [Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#)ⁱ are **eligible to start registering on the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) website** to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those who live (primary or secondary residence), work or routinely receive health care in Simcoe Muskoka.

Moderate priority health care workers include those who work in any health care sector or setting listed in the [Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#)ⁱⁱ (i.e. under Highest, Very High, or High priority HCWs), but who have not yet been eligible due to being in a non-frontline role (e.g., those working remotely, or who do not require PPE to work due to being in non-patient facing areas of health care facilities). This includes those in administrative roles in these sectors/settings.

Those 75+ years of age should continue to book directly on the provincial booking system or contact the provincial call centre to book. Once the provincial booking system opens up to age 70-74, these individuals will be advised to directly book there as well.

Those who belong to other priority groups who have already been eligible (HCWs, all Indigenous adults (living on-reserve or urban) and their adult household members, adult recipients of chronic home care) **can continue to pre-register for vaccination on the SMDHU website** at any time.

Once registered on the SMDHU website, people will be placed in the queue to receive the vaccine. This could take days or weeks to complete based on vaccine supply and volume. When an appointment is available, the person will be sent an email invitation with a booking code to book their appointment on the provincial booking system. Note that this does not happen immediately. People will be required to provide an email address for this service.



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

Additional Information

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

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](#)^v and the [Government of Ontario](#).^{vi}

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

^{iv} <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>

^v <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>

^{vi} http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx.