

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE



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Subject/Objet	COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update	Date: May 28, 2021

The purpose of this memo is to provide Members of Council with an update on the [provincial announcement](#) shortening the interval between doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, starting with adults aged 80 and older next week.

Update

The Province has advised that moving up the second dose is optional, and that people will keep their original appointments if they choose not to re-book for an earlier one. Ontarians aged 80 and older can start rescheduling their second doses next week, while those aged 70 and older will become eligible to reschedule their second doses in the week of June 14.

Starting at 8 am on Monday, May 31, 2021, individuals 80 and above can reschedule their existing booking for an earlier date, subject to availability, online through the [provincial booking system](#) or by calling the provincial booking line at 1-833-943-3900.

The Province has advised that individuals 80 and above without a planned second dose appointment will also be able to book a single second dose appointment through the provincial booking system starting on Monday.

Appointments at community clinics are currently available, but this could change at any time. We will continue to add appointments into the provincial system as vaccine supply is confirmed by the Province. Appointment availability in community clinics is expected to be limited in June, given existing bookings.

As an alternative to community clinics, more than 100 pharmacies across Ottawa are also receiving vaccines directly from the Province. Participating locations are available on [Ontario.ca](#). Most pharmacies book appointments ahead of time and some allow walk-ins. Residents should check with the pharmacy directly.

Priority clinic and booking for those vaccinated on March 5, 6 and 7, 2021

For individuals who received a first dose on March 5, 6 and 7, a second dose is required by June 26, 27 and 28, respectively. These individuals will be contacted for guaranteed access to an appointment within the standard second dose interval of 16 weeks.

A dedicated community clinic located at the Canterbury Recreation Complex, 2185 Arch Street, will be opened to accommodate these appointments. The Canterbury Recreation

Complex was selected given its proximity to where many of these individuals received their first dose. Transportation assistance is available to those who need it.

These residents also have the option of booking their second dose sooner, should they be able to secure an earlier appointment at a community clinic, or through the pharmacy channel.

We encourage all residents to follow announcements on the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health websites and social media channels for information on the vaccine rollout.

Respectfully,

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