

We are excited to inform you that there are additional groups now eligible for the vaccine, as per Ontario's three-phased plan and ethical framework, and regional prioritization. We are pleased to share that we are now ready to accept appointment bookings in our system if you are part of the following groups:

- **Residents and staff of congregate settings with a history of outbreak or with high-risk populations, at the discretion of the local public health unit.**  
Please note that HPPH has not currently identified any settings that are eligible within this group. Anyone eligible in this group will be contacted directly.
- **Frontline healthcare workers in the following outpatient and ambulatory areas, including:**
  - Developmental services
  - Mental health and addictions services
  - Campus health
  - Community diagnostic imaging
  - Daycare and school nursing
  - Dietary and nutrition
  - Independent health facilities (e.g., Opticians/Optomety, Podiatry, Audiology)
  - Naturopathy and Holistic care
  - Social work
  - Sexual health clinics
- **Frontline healthcare workers in the following non-acute rehabilitation and therapy areas, including:**
  - Chiropractic
  - Chronic pain clinics
  - Kinesiology
  - Occupational therapy
  - Physiotherapy
  - Psychiatry
  - Psychology
  - Psychotherapy
  - Registered massage therapy
  - Acupuncture, other therapy
- **Public health**
- **Non-Frontline health care workers (e.g., those working remotely, in administration, and who do not require PPE to work).**

According to the [Ministry of Health's COVID-19: Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination](#):

- For the purposes of prioritization of vaccine doses, 'health care worker' is defined as:
  - Any regulated health professionals and any staff member, contract worker, student/trainee, registered volunteer, or other essential caregiver currently working in a health care organization, including workers that are not providing direct patient care such as cleaning staff, food services staff, information technology staff, security, research staff, and other administrative staff.
  - Workers providing a healthcare service or direct patient service in a congregate, residential or community setting outside of a health care organization (e.g., nurse providing patient care in a school, worker performing personal support services in an assisted living facility, medical first responder in the community, peer worker in a shelter).

In alignment with the definition of Health Care Worker that has been provided, where a **health sector** has been named in the priority sector, all workers in that sector are included (e.g., including custodial, security and reception staff). Where a **non-health setting (e.g. corrections, community residential setting, shelter)** has been named, only workers providing a health service or direct patient care are included.

**HPPH would also like you to know the following:**

- Please note that eligible frontline healthcare workers as defined above will be asked to show their work ID badge, a letter from their employer, or proof of professional college membership when they arrive for their appointment at the clinic.

**How to book an appointment:**

- Online at [www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking](http://www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking)
  - We encourage online booking, as our phone lines are very busy.
- By phone: 1-833-753-2098

For additional information on the COVID-19 vaccines in Huron Perth visit [www.hpph.ca/vaccines](http://www.hpph.ca/vaccines) or call to hear our regularly updated vaccination status message, at 1-888-221-2133 and press "1" for COVID VACCINE.