

Update from York Region Public Health to Health Care Providers

August 31, 2021

Dear York Region Health Care Provider,

We want to send a sincere thank you to the health care providers in York Region for their dedication and steadfast commitment to their patients and clients over the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to make great strides with our vaccination efforts in a constantly evolving pandemic, but there is more work to be done. As a trusted health care provider, we ask for your help by encouraging your clients and community members to get vaccinated.

As of July 2021, the Delta variant is seen as being two times more contagious than previous variants and is the main contributor to the recent rise in cases found throughout York Region.

CURRENT VACCINATION EFFORTS AND NEXT STEPS

As of August 29, 2021:

83.5% of eligible York Region residents (aged 12+) are partially vaccinated with one dose

78.2% of eligible York Region residents (aged 12+) are fully vaccinated with two doses

We're proud of the work we've all accomplished, but there is more to do. In an effort to reach those who have not yet been vaccinated, we have begun operating numerous walk-in, pop-up vaccination clinics throughout York Region. Locations, dates and times of operation are listed on our [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#) webpage.

Our vaccination program is working. Most cases today are among unvaccinated individuals. Even with some COVID-19 cases occurring in those that have been partially or fully vaccinated, the vaccines are helping to mitigate the severity of the disease and minimize hospitalizations.

Please encourage your staff and colleagues, patients, friends and family to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

HELPING TO KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Considering the rise in COVID-19 cases in York Region we must continue to be vigilant and follow public health guidance and the safety measures that are in place. **Physical distancing when possible, appropriate PPE use** and **active screening of staff, visitors and clients** should be practiced vigilantly. Creating an immunization policy for your workplace is strongly recommended, if not already required by the [Ministry of Health](#) under [Directive 6](#).

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Those that have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to a confirmed case, **should be tested** at an [Assessment Centre](#) as soon as possible.

Please encourage your community members to get vaccinated. Having all of us protected against COVID-19 and mitigating the risks of illness as much as possible, is the quickest and easiest way we may return to a more normal life.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please call our dedicated health professional COVID-19 line at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280** (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday) and visit york.ca/COVID19.

In the meantime, please continue to keep yourself, your family and your community as safe as possible in the days and weeks to come.

Sincerely,

York Region Public Health