

**Dear Health Care Professional Providing Services in Peterborough City or County;**

As you may have heard, Ontario has recently expanded eligibility for booster shots of COVID-19 vaccine for health care workers. These booster doses are recommended, but **not required**. Evidence continues to show that two doses of vaccine are effective against severe illness, hospitalization and deaths at 5 – 7 months. Health care workers will be eligible to receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine **6 months after their second dose**.

Health care workers include any regulated health professionals and any staff member, contract worker, student/trainee, registered volunteer, or other essential caregiver currently working in-person **in a health care organization**, including workers that are not providing direct patient care and are frequently in the patient environment (ie. cleaning staff, research staff, other administrative staff).

Workers providing **healthcare service or direct patient service** in a **congregate, residential or community setting outside of a health care organization** are also included.

- For information about health care worker eligibility see the Ministry of Health Guidance Document (Page 11 and Appendix B) - **Ontario Vaccine Third Dose Guidance Document**.
- For information on up-coming Peterborough Public Health COVID-19 vaccine clinics, visit [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/clinic](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/clinic).
- All health care workers wishing booster doses **MUST book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in advance**.

To book a vaccination appointment:

- Visit the provincial vaccine booking system online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.
- Call the provincial vaccine booking call centre at 1-833-943-3900.
- Contact select pharmacies [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-pharmacy-vaccine-locations)

Peterborough Public Health clinics will open for booking on **November 8, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [cpost@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:cpost@peterboroughpublichealth.ca). Any questions about eligibility or booking an appointment can also be directed to the provincial vaccine booking call centre (1-833-943-3900).