

SUBJECT: Upcoming changes to adult pneumococcal vaccine program
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To: Primary Care Providers
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- **Effective August 17, 2026, the provincially funded pneumococcal vaccine is changing to Capvaxive (Pneu-C-21) for adults 65 and older.**
- **Adults 65 and older who previously received the pneumococcal vaccine do not need to be re-vaccinated with Capvaxive.**
- **There are no other changes to pneumococcal vaccine eligibility or immunization schedules for children or adults.**

Routine immunization for adults 65 and older will transition to the pneumococcal 21-valent conjugate vaccine (Pneu-C-21, Capvaxive). This vaccine is expected to provide broader protection against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) for this age group compared to Pneu-C-20.

The program transition is planned for August 17, 2026. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health will begin filling orders with Capvaxive as supply arrives. Eligibility criteria for provincially funded pneumococcal vaccines are not otherwise changing. Adults 65 and older who already received a dose of pneumococcal vaccine do not need to be revaccinated with this new product.

Pneumococcal vaccines authorized for use in Canada

Type of Vaccine	Vaccine Name	Abbreviation	Eligible Age Groups in Ontario
Pneumococcal conjugate (Pneu-C)	Prenar 13	Pneu-C-13	No longer publicly funded.
	Vaxneuvance	Pneu-C-15	Children 6 weeks to 4 years of age at low risk for invasive (IPD).
	Prenar 20	Pneu-C-20	Individuals $\geq$ 6 weeks to 64 years of age at high risk for IPD.
	Capvaxive	Pneu-C-21	Individuals $\geq$ 65 years of age.
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (Pneu-P)	Pneumovax 23	Pneu-P-23	No longer publicly funded.

Additional Resources:

- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Adults Aged 18 Years and Older](#), Ontario Ministry of Health

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