

UPDATE

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Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine program continues to prioritize protection for those most at risk of severe illness. This spring, a booster dose is recommended for individuals at higher risk of COVID-19 complications to help maintain strong protection against serious outcomes.

Who is eligible for a spring 2025 booster?

A single additional dose is recommended for individuals who:

- Are 65 years and older
 - Strongly recommended for those ≥80 years
 - May be offered to those **65–79 years**
- Reside in long-term care homes or other congregate living settings for seniors
- Are moderately to severely immunocompromised (aged 6 months and up)
- Are First Nations, Inuit, or Métis adults aged 55+, or their non-Indigenous household members aged 55+

Individuals must have completed a **primary series**, and it should be **at least 6 months** since their last COVID-19 vaccine dose or confirmed infection (minimum interval: **3 months**).

What vaccines are available?

- Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty (12+ years)
- Moderna Spikevax (6 months +)

Additional Notes

- COVID-19 vaccines can be **co-administered** with other vaccines (e.g., influenza, RSV).
- For those who missed their fall dose, administer **one dose only**; no additional spring dose is needed.

Resources

- Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Program
- <u>Canadian Immunization Guide COVID-19</u>

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