

COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #23

Second Doses

The focus of this bulletin will be on information regarding the prioritization of second doses and VITT.

Quick Updates

- Check out [Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph's vaccination dashboard](#). The **total number of doses** administered in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) is **137,182**.
- The [Ontario Government has paused](#) the distribution and administration of the AstraZeneca vaccine out of an abundance of caution due to an increase in the reporting of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT). Review the accompanying [Physician Update](#) for more information.
- Starting this week, WDG residents are eligible to receive a vaccine appointment if they are **18 years of age or older** through mass clinics as well as participating primary care offices and pharmacies.
- Health Canada has approved Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 and up. Individuals who are **12-15 years old can now pre-register for a vaccine appointment**.
- Go to www.wdgppublichealth.ca/register for more information about vaccine pre-registration. There is a **Vaccine Registration and Booking Helpline: 1-844-780-0202 (Mon-Fri, 12-8 pm)** for anyone who has issues pre-registering or booking online.
- People can now check their pre-registration status: www.wdgppublichealth.ca/check-registration.
- Information on second doses including how high-risk health care workers will receive second dose appointments is available on our [Appointment Booking Status](#) webpage.

Vaccine Status for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

Maximum number of doses administered in one week = 15,061	51% of eligible population (16+) received one dose
Maximum number of doses administered in one day = 3,422	Total number of doses given in primary care office or pharmacy = 23,757

Age Group	Percentage with First Dose
80+	97%
65-79	89%
60-64	82%
55-59	65%
50-54	52%

Prioritization for Second Doses

- Stay up-to-date on WDGPH's process for booking second dose appointments by checking the [Appointment Booking Status](#) webpage.
- Due to vaccine supply and first dose commitments, timing of the second dose vaccinations for populations eligible for second dose prioritization will vary.

Populations Eligible for Second Dose Prioritization	Second Dose Appointment Booking
Residents of long-term care and retirement homes, elder care lodges, and assisted living facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive second doses through their facility
Individuals who have one the following medical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transplant recipients • Individuals with malignant hematologic disorders and non-hematologic malignant solid tumours receive active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy) • Individuals undergoing hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care providers can fax referrals to 1-855-934-5463
Indigenous individuals and members of their household	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDGPH is calling those who received their first dose to book second dose. • Can also call 1-800-265-7293, ext. 0
High-risk health care workers (see list of eligible HCWs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDGPH will continue to call/email individuals to book second dose appointments. • Extra doses at the end of each clinic will be allocated to this group. • WDGPH is allocating some vaccine to hospitals and other health care partners to administer to their staff.

Updates from Ontario

- The [Ontario Government has paused](#) the distribution and administration of the AstraZeneca vaccine out of an abundance of caution due to an increase in the reporting of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT) combined with an increased and reliable supply of Pfizer and Moderna and the downward trend in cases.
- Select pharmacies will begin administering Pfizer or Moderna beginning the week of May 10, with full expansion (2,490 pharmacies) by the week of May 24. Locations will be added to the [Ministry website](#) as they begin offering vaccines.
- All Primary Care offices willing to participate can have Moderna vaccine to offer their clients age 18 and up. Vaccine can be ordered through usual vaccine ordering processes.
- More than 50% of the Ontario population aged 18 and over have received one dose. 93% of Ontario residents aged 80 and over and 92% of residents aged 75 to 79 have received at least one dose.
- The province remains on track to have administered first doses to 65% of Ontarians aged 18 and over by the end of May.

Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT)

Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table

- [VITT Following Adenovirus Vector COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (May 7, 2021)
- [Risk of VITT following the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD Adenovirus Vector COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (updated May 11, 2021)
- [VITT Following Adenovirus Vector COVID-19 Vaccination: Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals in the Outpatient Setting](#) (May 10, 2021)
- [VITT Following Adenovirus Vector COVID-19 Vaccination: Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals in Emergency Department and Inpatient Settings](#) (May 10, 2021)

Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)

- [Limb Ischemia and Pulmonary Artery Thrombosis After the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 \(Oxford-AstraZeneca Vaccine: A Case of VITT\)](#) (May 14, 2021)
- [Recognizing, Managing and Reporting VITT](#) (May 14, 2021)

Messaging to Patients Regarding AstraZeneca

- Share the [statement from the AMOH](#), Dr. Tenenbaum on the pausing of AstraZeneca.
- The Ontario College of Family Physicians, Women’s College Hospital Academic FHT, and St. Michael’s Hospital Academic FHT have developed template messages to use with patients:
 - [OCFP template letter](#)
 - [Access the Women's College FHT template letter \(Word\)](#)
 - [St. Michael's Hospital FHT template letter](#)

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[Vaccinated Against COVID-19? Here’s What Happens Next](#)

Reliable Sources of Information on Vaccines

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Government of Ontario](#)

[Public Health Ontario](#)

[Centre for Effective Practice \(CEP\)](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[COVID-19 Studies from the World Health Organization Database](#)

[Centres for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)