

## COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #36

### Vaccine Updates

#### Quick Updates

- Review our vaccination progress: [WDGPH's COVID-19 Vaccination Report](#)
- Anyone born in 2009 or earlier can access **COVID-19 vaccine**:
  1. DROP-IN at any of the WDGPH clinic sites: [wdgpublichealth.ca/drop-ins](http://wdgpublichealth.ca/drop-ins) OR
  2. Book an appointment online: [wdgpublichealth.ca/appointments](http://wdgpublichealth.ca/appointments) OR
  3. Book an appointment over the phone: 1-800-265-7293, x7006 (Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm) OR
  4. Contact a [participating pharmacy](#).
- The [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) recommends](#) that COVID-19 vaccines may be given at the same time as, or at any time before or after, non-COVID-19 vaccines (including live, non-live, adjuvanted, or unadjuvanted).
- Due to an [increased risk of pericarditis/myocarditis among individuals 18-24 years old following vaccination with Moderna compared to Pfizer](#), the Ministry of Health (MOH) recommends that the Pfizer vaccine is preferentially administered to individuals who are 18-24 years old. If individuals aged 18 to 24 years old wish to receive Moderna, they can continue to do so with informed consent.
- Ontario will continue using the Pfizer vaccine for youth ages 12-17 (including those turning 12 in 2021) because there is more experience to date with this vaccine in this age group, and there is the possibility of a lower rate of myocarditis/pericarditis with Pfizer in this age group.
- Cancer Care Ontario has a [frequently asked questions document for COVID-19 and cancer](#). It provides information about timing of the COVID-19 vaccine and third doses.
- REMINDER: The Ministry of Health (MOH) is [recommending](#) that individuals who have received a **complete or incomplete series** of a COVID-19 vaccine that is **not authorized for use by Health Canada** receive an **additional dose of mRNA vaccine** in order to be considered [fully vaccinated](#).
- The MOH has developed a [sample statement of medical exemption](#).
- WDGPH's Medical Officer of Health issued a [letter of instruction](#) requiring proof of vaccination for all individuals who support an indoor organized sport or recreational fitness activity including volunteers, coaches, instructors, coordinators, trainers, officials, and organizers.
- It is anticipated that **distribution of flu vaccine will begin the week of October 4** with long term care homes retirement homes and hospitals prioritized. Flu vaccine for primary care providers will follow soon after. The Influenza Vaccine Order Form is available [HERE](#).
  - Note: Vaccine administrators may now consider co-administration of flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine with informed consent about benefits and risks.

## Vaccine Status for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

<b>87%</b> of residents <b>12+</b> received at least one dose	<b>83%</b> of residents <b>12+</b> received two doses
% received at least one dose in: Well. County = <b>80</b> Duff. County = <b>84</b> City of Guelph = <b>92</b>	Total number of doses given in primary care office or pharmacy = <b>112,292</b>

Age Group	First Dose	Second Dose
60+	95%	94%
50-59	89%	86%
40-49	86%	83%
30-39	86%	80%
20-29	79%	72%
12-19	80%	74%

## Updates to MOH Vaccine Documents

[COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#) (Updated Sept. 29)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (Updated Sept. 29)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet for Youth](#) (Updated Sept. 29)

## Vaccine Research Updates

### *Pfizer Announces Positive Results from Vaccine Trial for Children*

- Pfizer announced positive results from clinical trial of COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years old showing that the vaccine was safe, well tolerated and showed robust neutralizing antibody responses.

Pfizer Press Release (September 20, 2021). [Pfizer and BioNTech announce positive topline results from pivotal trial of COVID-19 vaccine in children 5 to 11 years.](#)

## Vaccine Name Changes

- Health Canada has authorized brand name changes for three COVID-19 vaccines, same vaccine just new brand names:
  - Pfizer-BioNTech → Comirnaty
  - Moderna → SpikeVax
  - AstraZeneca → Vaxzevria

## Health Care Provider Vaccine Questions

- Health care providers have the option to email the **WDGPH COVID-19 Response Call Centre** with any questions or concerns related to COVID-19, including COVID-19 vaccines (Mon – Fri 9am to 4pm): [hcp.covid19questions@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:hcp.covid19questions@wdgpublichealth.ca)
  - This includes submission of the Physician Referrals [3<sup>rd</sup> Dose Referral Form for COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

## Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre

**1-833-943-3900 (Open 7 days a week, 8 am to 8 pm)**

- COVID-19 vaccine questions (not related to appointments or clinics)
- Vaccine receipts – how to get, print, etc.
- Proof of vaccination questions
- People can speak to an experienced agent or health specialist and services are offered in 300 languages as well as accessible services.

## Reliable Sources of Information on Vaccines

[WDGPH Vaccine Administration Training](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Government of Ontario](#)

[Ministry of Health](#)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)