

EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR SECOND DOSE AND MORE CLINIC OPTIONS

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Huron Perth, ON – Large shipments of Moderna vaccine are anticipated to arrive in Huron Perth in the next few weeks. Effective today, June 16, Huron Perth Public Health is expanding access for second dose appointments to anyone who got their first dose of any vaccine on or before May 9th.

The additional vaccine deliveries are also making it possible to increase the number of mass vaccination clinics, with some as early as next week. In addition, Moderna vaccine will also be available through primary care offices and [pharmacies](#). Anyone 18 years and older can book an appointment for a Moderna vaccine.

Huron Perth Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Miriam Klassen, says expanding eligibility for second dose appointments will mean more people will be able to get a second dose sooner. “We’re pleased that we can increase our vaccination coverage rates more quickly now with the increased supply of vaccine.”

If you are 18 or older and had Pfizer as your first dose and you are [eligible for your second dose](#), you may choose to book Moderna as your second dose. Moderna and Pfizer are interchangeable COVID-19 mRNA vaccines. This means that individuals can receive either vaccine as their second dose, regardless of which vaccine they received as their first dose. At the mass vaccination clinics in Huron-Perth, this also means that some people who received Pfizer as a first dose may receive Moderna as a second dose, or vice versa.

If you had AstraZeneca as your first dose and you are eligible for your second dose, you may choose to either receive a second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, or an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine for your second dose. Both of these options are safe and provide strong protection against COVID-19. In addition, they will count as a completed vaccine series. If you are 18 or older, you may choose to book a second dose at one of the Moderna clinics. If you choose AstraZeneca as your second dose, you can book through a pharmacy or primary care provider who has AZ supply.

How to book an appointment:

- HPPH does not book second dose appointments when you get your first dose. You must book your second dose once you are eligible.
- Use the [HPPH second dose calculator](#) to find out when you can receive your second dose.
- Once you know your earliest appointment date, visit the HPPH booking system at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking or call 1-833-753-2098 to see available clinics.
 - If your earliest possible second dose date falls within the date range of an upcoming HPPH clinic, please book an appointment. If clinics are not yet available during the time you are due for your second dose, please check back for future clinics.
 - You can also subscribe to the booking webpage to get alerts when new clinics are added.
- If you received your first dose through your primary care provider or at an HPPH community clinic, and are

eligible for a shortened dose interval, please go ahead and book at an HPPH community clinic for your second dose.

- Please be patient as large volume of website traffic and call volume can significantly slow down our systems and ability to get back to people quickly.

How to cancel an appointment at an HPPH Clinic

- We thank everyone who are cancelling unneeded appointments as we still need to reduce no-shows. Please continue to cancel any unneeded appointments. A new feature has been added to the website to easily cancel appointments. Go to <http://www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking> and choose the [Click Here to Cancel your Appointment](#) box or call the booking line at 1-833-753-2098; press 2 (two). Please include your first and last name and the date, time, and location of your scheduled appointment.

For more information:

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- Call HPPH at 1-888-221-2133

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