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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

Peterborough Public Health has received an initial shipment of COVID-19 Moderna XBB.1.5 vaccine. We are underway on vaccinating residents in the first two eligibility groups and have clinics ready for all residents ages 6 months and older. Priority for appointments will be given to those in eligibility groups 1 and 2.

Influenza vaccines are anticipated to be available later in October. Communication will go out when they are available.

How to book an appointment:

1. Provincial Vaccine Booking Centre
 - online at covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine OR
 - over the phone Monday to Friday (holidays excluded) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time after 1-833-943-3900
2. Select Pharmacy Locations
 - Find a local pharmacy who is administering vaccines here: <https://www.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations/>
3. Primary Healthcare provider
 - Some health care providers are administering COVID-19 vaccines for their patients

Who is eligible:

First eligible group: **High Priority**

If you have NOT received a COVID-19 vaccine within the last 6 months AND fit into one of the following categories

- Hospitalized individuals and hospital staff
- Long-Term Care Home and Elder Care Lodge residents, staff, and caregivers

Second group: **High Priority**

If you have NOT received a COVID-19 vaccine within the last 6 months AND fit into one of the following categories

- Individuals at high-risk for influenza and/or COVID-19 related complications or hospitalization:
 - Residents and staff of congregate living settings (e.g., chronic care facilities, retirement homes)
 - Pregnant individuals
 - Individuals ≥ 65 years of age
 - All children 6 months to 4 years of age [influenza risk]

- Individuals who are from a First Nation, Inuit or Métis community, and/or who self-identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis, and their household members
- Individuals 6 months of age and older with underlying health conditions per NACI (Influenza & COVID-19)
- Members of racialized and other equity deserving communities
- Health care workers and first responders

Final eligible group: **Lower Priority**

If you have NOT received a COVID-19 vaccine within the last 6 months AND fit into one of the following categories

- Administration for the general public will begin as soon as supply permits.

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