

THIRD DOSES AND BOOSTERS – HIGH RISK GROUPS - ONLY

NEW: In **November 2021**, eligibility for a booster dose was expanded to **ADDITIONAL HIGH RISK GROUP:**

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier)
- Health care workers/designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home/retirement home staff/designated caregivers)
- Individuals who received two doses of **AstraZeneca** vaccine or one dose of the **Janssen** vaccine
- First Nation, Inuit/Métis adults & their non-Indigenous household members

If you are eligible, you will receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine at least 6 months (168 days) after your second dose was given.

As of November 6th, 8:00 A.M. appointments will be available to book for this group through the Barrie Immunization Clinic at 29 Sperling Drive.

All other public health community clinics will open **November 15th** and appointments are expected to be **available in the online booking system by November 12th**. Only able to book appointments one week in advance.

If you are eligible for a booster dose as outlined above in additional high-risk groups you can book an appointment at 29 Sperling Clinic or a community clinic:

- through the COVID-19 vaccination link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
 - by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900
 - or through an Indigenous-led vaccination clinic
 - at a participating pharmacy at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations/pfizer>
 - GOVAXX Bus
 - some primary care providers
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One of the mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccines will be used for a third dose or booster regardless of what vaccine you received at your first or second dose. Will do the best to match your doses but both offer the same protection and combining them is safe.

Further information through Simcoe Muskoka Health [Third Doses and Boosters \(simcoemuskokahealth.org\)](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) such as:

- Where are the local community clinics?
 - When will booster doses be available to others? <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/images/default-source/COVID-19/moh-booster-rollout.png?sfvrsn=2>
 - The province's plan for expanding the booster dose roll out is outlined in the linked [diagram](#). Please note this plan could change.
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If you do not fall in this additional high-risk groups, if you try to book today and provide your information, you be told "you are not currently able to book an appointment.

When this opens up to individuals who do not fall within the High Risk category, we will attempt to update at that time.

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