



MEDIA RELEASE

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Hamilton's vaccination program to offer choice of mRNA brand at select COVID-19 vaccine clinics

HAMILTON, ON – The Hamilton healthcare partners continue to make progress in vaccinating members of the community who fall into the Province's COVID-19 Vaccination Framework. We are pleased to announce that to date, we have administered approximately 722,273 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Upwards of 76.8 per cent of Hamiltonians over the age of 18 have received a vaccine to date with 65.4 per cent having completed their vaccine series. In addition, 66.5 per cent of youth ages 12-17 have received a first dose to date and 45.3 per cent have completed their vaccine series.

Beginning today, July 28, members of the public attending select vaccine clinics can choose whether they receive the Pfizer mRNA or Moderna mRNA vaccine. With an abundant supply of mRNA vaccines, Hamiltonians are encouraged to get a first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible, to receive strong protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

The participating clinics are as follows:

- FirstOntario COVID-19 vaccine clinic
- St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton West 5th COVID-19 vaccine clinic
- All Hamilton Public Health Services Mobile pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinics

There are many locations in Hamilton for community members to get their first and second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, such as large-scale clinics, primary care-led clinics, mobile pop-up clinics and local pharmacies. **Vaccines can be accessed both on a walk-in basis at many of these locations or by booking an appointment.** Information regarding walk-in options, booking an appointment and frequently asked questions are available at hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine.

QUICK FACTS

- The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorized by Health Canada for individuals ages 12 to 17.
- On June 26, 2021, Hamilton youth ages 12 to 17 became eligible for an accelerated second dose at a 28-day interval.
- Vaccine administration rates may differ based on local context. All vaccination planning is based on and contingent on available COVID-19 vaccine supply.
- Mixing of mRNA vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer), as well as mixing AstraZeneca and an mRNA vaccine is safe, effective and makes sure more Hamiltonians can receive their second dose and its strong protection against COVID-19 sooner.
- Information regarding walk-in options, booking an appointment and frequently asked questions are available at [hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine](https://www.hamilton.ca/GetYourVaccine).
- It is vital that members of the public, even those who have been vaccinated, ensure that public health measures still be practiced until it is safe and said to be safe by the health professionals in all levels of government.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- www.hamilton.ca/COVIDvaccines
- www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus
- <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>
- <https://kidshealthfirst.ca/>
- Public Health Services' COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline: 905-974-9848, option 7 or phscovidvaccine@hamilton.ca
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