

## High-risk health care workers eligible for the shortened second-dose interval are:

- All hospital and acute care staff in frontline roles with COVID-19 patients and/or with a high-risk of exposure to COVID-19, including nurses and personal support workers and those performing aerosol-generating procedures:
  - Critical Care Units
  - Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Departments
  - COVID-19 Medical Units
  - Code Blue Teams, rapid response teams
  - General internal medicine and other specialists involved in the direct care of COVID-19 positive patients
  
- All patient-facing health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response:
  - COVID-19 Specimen Collection Centers (e.g., Assessment centers, community COVID-19 testing locations)
  - Teams supporting outbreak response (e.g., IPAC teams supporting outbreak management, inspectors in the patient environment, redeployed health care workers supporting outbreaks or staffing crisis in congregate living settings)
  - COVID-19 vaccine clinics and mobile immunization teams
  - Mobile Testing Teams
  - COVID-19 Isolation Centers
  - COVID-19 Laboratory Services
  - Current members of Ontario's Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT) who may be deployed at any time to support an emergency response
  
- Medical First Responders
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  - Paramedics
  - Firefighters providing medical first response as part of their regular duties
  - Police and special constables providing medical first response as part of their regular duties
  
- Community health care workers serving specialized populations including:
  - Needle exchange/syringe programs and supervised consumption and treatment services
  - Indigenous health care service providers including but not limited to:
    - Aboriginal Health Access Centers, Indigenous Community Health Centers,
    - Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Teams, and Indigenous Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics

- Long-term care home and retirement-home health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers and Essential Caregivers
- Individuals working in Community Health Centers serving disproportionately affected communities and/or communities experiencing highest burden of health, social and economic impacts from COVID-19
- Critical health care workers in remote and hard to access communities, e.g., sole practitioner
- Home and community care health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers caring for recipients of chronic homecare and seniors in congregate living facilities or providing hands-on care to COVID-19 patients in the community