

## COVID -19 Vaccine Key Messages for Community Leaders

### Why should I get a vaccine?

- Vaccines help your body develop an effective immune fighting response to help protect you from serious illness, hospitalization, and death.
- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will add one more layer of protection for you, your family, your friends, and your community.
- Ontario's [Roadmap to Re-open](#) is based on vaccination rates. When the province meets certain vaccination targets, businesses may reopen and public health restrictions may be eased or lifted.

### Have the vaccines gone through all of the required testing?

- Yes, in Canada it is illegal to sell or market a vaccine that has not completed all stages of research.
- These vaccines were produced and approved quickly due to:
  - A historic amount of money being invested into research;
  - Decades of research on other strains of coronavirus prior to COVID-19;
  - Research and testing happening at the same time instead of in steps; and
  - More people signing up for vaccine trials than typically do for other vaccines.

### Are the ingredients in the vaccines safe?

- Yes, the ingredients are safe. The only reason you should not get the vaccine is if you are allergic to the ingredients.
- COVID-19 vaccines contain fat-coated mRNA, salt, sugar, polyethylene glycol, and water.
- COVID-19 vaccines **DO NOT** contain blood products, preservatives, fetal cells, microchips, or latex.

### Where do I get the vaccine?

There are many ways to get the vaccine:

- **CK Public Health Vaccination Clinic** at the Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Centre.
- **CK Public Health Pop-up Clinics** through out Chatham-Kent. Find out when and where clinics are happening by following CK Public Health on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.
  - CK Public Health Clinics are booked online at [GetYourShotCK.ca](http://GetYourShotCK.ca) or by calling 519.351.1010 and leaving a message. Depending on call volume, it may take two to seven business days to return a call.
- Select **pharmacies** are now offering Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. Click [here](#) for locations.
- Select **primary care offices** are now offering the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. Ask your health care provider for more information.

## When will I be able to book my second dose appointment?

- Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines require two doses. You need two doses of the vaccine to develop the best protection against COVID-19. The first dose is for strength, the second dose is for length of protection.
- The province has recently revised its second dose strategy. This plan is subject to change and may be accelerated based on vaccine supply. For the most up to date second dose information, check [here](#).
- There are some exceptions to the province's second dose plan. All people who qualify for a shortened dose interval are listed at the bottom of the page [here](#).
- CK Public Health has guidance for booking second doses [here](#).

## Still have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine?

Find answers to COVID-19 vaccine questions on CK Public Health's newly updated COVID-19 vaccine webpage: <https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccines/>.

Unable to find your answers online? Contact CK Public Health at 519.355.1071 extension 1900 to speak directly with a public health staff member.

**Language interpretation services are available for calls. Website has accessibility functions and multi-language translation options.**

| <b>Quick Links</b>   |   |
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| <b>Information and resources related to COVID-19 vaccines</b>        | <a href="https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccines/">https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccines/</a>   |
| <b>Book a vaccination appointment at a CK Public Health Clinic</b>   | <a href="https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccination-eligibility-2/">https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccination-eligibility-2/</a>   |
| <b>Cancel your appointment at a CK Public Health Clinic</b>          | <a href="https://ckphu.com/cancel-your-covid-19-vaccination-appointment/">https://ckphu.com/cancel-your-covid-19-vaccination-appointment/</a>   |
| <b>CK Public Health Clinic details</b>                               | <a href="https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccination-clinics/">https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccination-clinics/</a>   |
| <b>Second dose information</b>                                       | <a href="https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccine-second-dose/">https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccine-second-dose/</a>   |
| <b>Current situation in Chatham-Kent</b>                             | <a href="https://ckphu.com/current-situation-in-chatham-kent/">https://ckphu.com/current-situation-in-chatham-kent/</a>   |
| <b>Vaccine Communications Toolkit</b>                                | <a href="https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccine-communications-toolkit-redo/">https://ckphu.com/covid-19-vaccine-communications-toolkit-redo/</a>   |
| <b>Vaccine information for Temporary Foreign Agriculture Workers</b> | <a href="https://ckphu.com/temporary-foreign-agricultural-workers-covid-19-vaccine-information/">https://ckphu.com/temporary-foreign-agricultural-workers-covid-19-vaccine-information/</a> |