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### **CK Public Health alters vaccine clinic process to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> dose demands**

Yesterday, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization's (NACI) announced that the province will be expanding eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups of high-risk individuals starting November 6, 2021, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant. Over the coming months, Ontario is also prepared to gradually roll out booster doses to all Ontarians aged 12 and over.

This expansion will begin by offering booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following vulnerable populations if at least six months have passed since their last dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- All workers (i.e. any staff member, contract worker, student/trainee, registered volunteer) or other designated essential caregivers who are working in-person in a health care organization, including those who are not providing direct patient care and are in the patient environment (i.e. cleaning staff, research staff, other administrative staff);
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine); and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

Booster doses are being offered to these groups based on evidence of gradual waning immunity six months after receiving their second dose and a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Eligible Chatham-Kent residents looking to book their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose are asked to do so by booking an appointment at [www.GetYourShotCK.ca](http://www.GetYourShotCK.ca) or by calling 519.351.1010

In order to better meet the increased vaccination demands that will result from this expansion, CK Public Health will be changing their clinic style back to "Appointment Only". This means that walk-in appointments will no longer be available at this time.

Residents in need of transportation to or from a COVID-19 vaccine clinic (either one run by CK Public Health or one booked with their local [pharmacy](#) or healthcare provider) are able to utilize free public transit due to a continued partnership between CK Public Health and Ride CK through the month of November.

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