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Key Messages:

- Individuals at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 may receive an additional dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in spring 2024.
- It is important to have out of province doses recorded in COVaxON.
- Physicians can onboard to administer COVID-19 vaccine at their office.
- Peel has expanded COVID-19 vaccine pick up sites.
- Arexvy vaccine is no longer available to order due to RSV vaccine program wind down.
- Peel will soon be launching a new online vaccine order form.

All other previously vaccinated individuals are not currently recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose in spring 2024 and should wait until further directions from the Ministry of Health. This includes individuals who are not at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 who did not receive an XBB COVID-19 vaccine dose in fall 2023, unless they are specifically recommended to receive a dose by their health care provider.

Those who are unvaccinated and are not known to be at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 may be vaccinated.

COVID-19 Vaccine Availability for Spring 2024

Peel Public Health will not be offering the COVID-19 vaccine at its clinics for the spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccine campaign. COVID-19 vaccine remains available through primary care providers and participating pharmacies.

For information on where to access the COVID-19 vaccine in Peel refer to:
<https://www.peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/covid-19/>

Peel Public Health Vaccine Clinics

Peel Public Health vaccine clinics continue to offer catch up of school-based vaccines (Hepatitis B, HPV, and Men-C) and vaccines required under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA). Appointments can be booked by calling 905-799-7700, Caledon residents 905-584-2216. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information, please refer to the March 18, 2024 issue of the Health Professionals Update.
https://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/updates/2024/2024_03_18_Vaccine_UpdatesVol17_No8.pdf

Ontario Spring 2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

Ontario’s spring COVID-19 vaccine campaign will run from April to June 2024. Individuals at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 may receive an additional dose of a COVID-19 XBB vaccine in spring 2024 which includes:

- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Adult residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings for seniors
- Individuals 6 months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (due to an underlying condition or treatment)
- Individuals 55 years and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Metis and their non-Indigenous household members 55 years and older.

Eligible individuals may receive an XBB COVID-19 vaccine in spring 2024 if it has been 6 months from the previous COVID-19 vaccine dose or known SARS-CoV-2 infection (whichever is later). To accommodate individual health and personal factors that may put the individual at higher risk, a dose may be administered at a minimum interval of 3 months.

Out of Province Reporting for COVID-19 Vaccines

Recording out of province doses in COVaxON is important to ensure subsequent COVID-19 vaccine doses can be given at appropriate time intervals. There are two instances in which doses must be recorded in the patient's record:

- Individuals less than 5 years who have received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Individuals 5 years of age and older who have received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine within the last 6 months.

Individuals who need to have out of province doses recorded in COVaxON should submit their report and proof of COVID-19 immunization to:

<https://peelregion.my.site.com/formintake/s/out-of-province-vaccine>

Further information can be found in the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Administration guidance document: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-03/moh-covid-19-vaccine-guidance-en-2024-03-21.pdf>

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Onboarding

If you would like to begin administering COVID-19 vaccines in your office, the onboarding process can be initiated at:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/vaccines/covid19-clinics/>

Please allow 2-3 business days after completing the form to be informed of next steps.

For onboarding questions or concerns, email: covid-19primarycare@peelregion.ca

Expansion of COVID-19 Vaccine Pickup Locations

Starting April 1, 2024, facilities ordering COVID-19 vaccines can now pick up their orders at the following designated Peel sites:

- Hurontario: 7120 Hurontario Street, Mississauga
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Brampton: 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fairview: 325 Central Parkway West, Mississauga
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Facilities enrolled in the paid delivery program can receive COVID-19 vaccine orders with their routine vaccine deliveries. For inquiries regarding vaccine ordering, delivery or pickup, please contact COVIDVaccineManagement@peelregion.ca

RSV Vaccine Program Wind Down

Due to the decreased incidence of RSV cases in Ontario, the program is winding down for the season. As such, Arexvy vaccine is no longer available to order. No new clinics should be organized at this time. Details on the 2024-25 RSV season and vaccination program will be available ahead of the fall respiratory illness season.

New: Vaccine Order Form Coming Soon

Peel Public Health is excited to be launching a new user-authenticated vaccine order form. The new order form, requiring healthcare provider sign-in, will streamline the process of ordering publicly funded routine vaccines. In the coming weeks, we will be requesting user information from Peel health care providers to establish our database of providers ordering vaccines to prevent order interruptions. Stay tuned for more details and information!