

RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

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COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Eligibility Expanding to Include New Groups

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) continues to expand COVID-19 vaccination appointments in-line with provincial eligibility groups.

Effective Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., other eligibility groups will further expand to include:

- Residents in the general population 18 to 39 years of age.

Please note that Indigenous residents and their household members are now eligible to book an early second dose through the regular booking system. However, special accommodations will not be made for this group – so “earlier” second dose appts will be based on appointment/dose availability.

Individuals who are 17 years old and are turning 18 in 2021 will also be eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine ONLY. The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorized by Health Canada for use in youth aged 12 and over.

Residents are being asked to please register online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. Please **book only one appointment per person** to ensure that appointments are available to other eligible individuals. **If you book an appointment, please keep it.** If it is critical to change your appointment, **please cancel through the link in the email** you received confirming your appointment.

ONLY if a person is unable to register online, they can call RCDHU at 613-735-9724 or 1-800-267-1097, Ext. 200. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

People should contact their primary care provider if they have questions about their eligibility and/or personal health status before they receive the vaccine. Alternatively, those without a primary care provider can contact the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC) (1-844-727-6404) to consult with a family physician.

For a full list of those who are currently eligible to book appointments for COVID-19

vaccinations, residents should visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility List](#). For details specific to vaccination registration and appointments (i.e., what you need to bring), visit the [COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Checklist](#).

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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