

Pembroke Regional Hospital

MEMO

To: All Staff and Physicians
From: PRH Vaccination Committee
Date: September 30th, 2022
Subject: Bivalent Booster Vaccine

The bivalent COVID-19 vaccine is an updated version of the COVID-19 vaccine that targets the original COVID-19 virus and the Omicron variant, which is currently the dominant variant in circulation in Ontario. Bivalent vaccines are now being administered as booster doses to eligible individuals, including health care workers.

While the bivalent booster is not mandatory at PRH, it is strongly recommended as it is formulated to better protect against the currently circulating COVID-19 variants. The booster will also help to restore protection that has decreased since previous vaccination.

The PRH Vaccination Committee is excited to announce the launch of our 2022 fall staff vaccination campaign, with the following clinic dates:

BIVALENT BOOSTER VACCINATION- Staff and Physicians Only

Date	Time	Location
Monday October 3 rd , 2022	1000-1400	Meeting Room- B443
Tuesday October 4 th , 2022	1000-1400	Meeting Room- B443
Wednesday October 5 th , 2022	1000-1400	Meeting Room- B443

Staff and Physicians are asked to schedule their vaccine appointment using the following link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/PRHBivalentBooking@theottawahospital.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

In order to help expedite the process, we ask that you complete your bivalent Vaccine Consent Form prior to arriving to the clinic- available

here: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_consent_form.pdf

We are actively working with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit to acquire this year's flu vaccine and are hopeful that we will be able to offer a 'one-stop' clinic in the coming weeks where staff and physicians will be able to obtain both the bivalent booster and the flu shot. Once these details are finalized, more information and booking details will be shared.

As a reminder, the bivalent vaccine is **only offered as a booster dose**. This means that you must have completed your primary series to receive it; two doses for immunocompetent individuals and three doses for those who are immunocompromised.

All eligible individuals should get a bivalent booster dose at the recommended interval. The bivalent booster is recommended at a 6 month interval; however, an individual can decide to receive their booster as early as 3 months since their last dose, based on their individual risk factors. It is also recommended to wait 90 days post COVID infection to receive a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. These intervals are a guide and clinical discretion is advised.

For more information, please

visit: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_administration.pdf