

Pembroke Regional Hospital **MEMO**

To: All Staff and Physicians

From: Infection Prevention and Control

Date: July 27, 2022

Subject: Availability of Second COVID-19 Booster

Recently, Ontario announced expanded eligibility for the second COVID-19 booster to include anyone 18 years of age and older.

- The second booster can be administered five months (140 days) after your first booster dose or at minimum three months (84 days) with informed consent after your first booster dose.
- If you recently tested positive for COVID-19, you must wait three months after symptom onset or a positive test result before receiving your second booster, provided it is at least five months (140 days) after your first booster dose.

The second booster is strongly recommended if you are 18 years of age or older and are at a higher risk of experiencing severe disease from a COVID-19 infection.

Currently, the demand for an onsite vaccination clinic for the second booster is low, however there are a number of ways to easily access the vaccine within our community:

 Anyone can visit a local pharmacy to get their COVID-19 vaccine subject to vaccine availability. Be sure to call the pharmacy ahead of time if you plan to get vaccinated there as vaccine supply varies and appointments may be required.

Visit https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations to see which local pharmacies offer vaccination appointments.

• Regular vaccination clinics are held throughout Renfrew County. Walk-in appointments are accepted at most of these clinics.

For the latest clinic schedule, visit https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/

 You can also book a vaccination appointment through the provincial booking system: https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/

For the most up-to-date vaccination information, please visit www.rcdhu.com.