



RE: COVID-19 VACCINE CRITERIA UPDATE

Dear Patients,

Given the continuous updates in the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility criteria our office wanted to reach out to you to provide an update on the current criteria for COVID-19 vaccination in the city of Toronto and will continue to provide email updates as the vaccine eligibility criteria changes over time. At this moment there are 3 different vaccination programs in Toronto.

1) City of Toronto Mass Immunization Clinic

- Eligibility: Ages 60 and older (including anyone turning 60 later in 2021)
- To book: go to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or call 1-888-999-6488

2) Pharmacy Vaccination

- Eligibility: Age 55 and older (including anyone turning 55 later in 2021)
- To book: go to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations> to locate participating pharmacy locations

3) Hospital Immunization Clinics

- Eligibility: NO MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT; Frontline Health Care Workers in High/very high/highest risk groups; Residents, staff and essential caregivers in long term care homes, and retirement homes; First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Adults (Age 16+); Adults receiving chronic home care (will receive letter of eligibility); Faith Leaders; Transplant recipients and those receiving active cancer treatment (excluding those receiving solely hormonal/radiation therapy); Individuals with Neurological diseases where breathing may be compromised, Blood or bone marrow cancer diagnosed in the past year, severe kidney disease with eGFR less than 30, Obese Individuals (BMI greater than 40), Treatments causing immunosuppression, intellectual or developmental disabilities; Caregivers (up to 1 individual accompanying an individual whom falls into the above criteria; Individuals age 50 and older (regardless of medical history) living in a high risk postal code:

- St. Michael's Hospital: M4X, M5A, M5B
- St. Joseph's Hospital: M6K, M6N, M8V, M9A, M9B, M9C, M9R, M9V, M9W
- University Health Network: M5V, M6E, M6H
- CAMH: M5V, M6E, M6H, M6K, M6N, M8V
- Michael Garron Hospital: M4H, M1L, M3C, M4A, M1K, M1M, M1J
- North York General Hospital: M2J, M2M, M2R, M3A, M3C, M3H, M4A
- Humber River Hospital: Live in their catchment area (South of Steeles Avenue, North of Eglinton Avenue, East of Humber River/ Islington Avenue, West of Bathurst Street)
- Englemount-Lawrence Vaccination Clinic: M2J, M2M, M2R, M3A, M3C, M3H, M3J, M3K, M3L, M3M, M3N, M4A, M4X, M5A, M5B, M5N, M6A, M6B, M6L, M6M, M9L, M9M, M9N, M9P
- How to book: go to <https://vaccineto.ca/sites> or call 1-888-385-1910

As always should you have any questions or would like to know if you qualify for the COVID-19 vaccine please do not hesitate to contact our office to schedule a phone consultation with your family physician. We hope all is well during these unprecedented times. Stay Safe and Healthy!