

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The speed at which effective, safe vaccines have been developed is remarkable and cause for hope in getting the pandemic behind us.

We are in the early days of the vaccine rollout. The relatively large number of mass vaccination sites in Niagara bodes well for our communities to be vaccinated fairly quickly dependent on supplies. Regional Public Health will operate a COVID-19 mass vaccination site in Welland at the YMCA. Thank you to YMCA Niagara for being a great community partner.

Niagara is utilizing the provincial booking system which is now available. Niagara Regional Public Health will notify eligible groups through multiple media channels.

Starting March 15 individuals who are 80 years of age and older can book a vaccination appointment online or by phone.

- [Book a vaccination appointment online through the provincial booking system](#)
- Call 1-888-999-6488

To book an appointment, you will need your:

- Green Ontario health card. For red and white health cards, call 1-888-999-6488.
- Birth date
- Postal code
- Email address and/or phone number

Welland/Niagara transit operators will be providing free transit fare to residents to and from their COVID-19 vaccination appointment. To receive the free fare, riders are required to show the driver a vaccination appointment confirmation to board and proof of vaccination for return trip.

I continue to remind all members of the community to please adhere to all orders and restrictions to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Reduce the spread of COVID19 by:

- Staying home as much as possible – only go shopping for necessities
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Practice physical distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Wash your hands frequently
- Staying home if displaying symptoms or having been in close contact with cases of COVID-19.

Please stay safe, stay home and save lives.

For information on vaccination administration, Public Health measures and restrictions and the Provincial Reopening Framework please visit the following sites:

[COVID-19 Vaccinations Administered by Niagara Region Public Health - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

[COVID-19 public health measures and restrictions | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

[COVID-19 response framework: keeping Ontario safe and open | Ontario.ca](#)