

COVID-19 Vaccine: Update #18

Licensed Child Care Staff Eligible for Vaccine and Hot Spot Eligibility Update

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Hospital CEOs, Hospital Laboratories, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, EMS, Designated Officers, Midwives, Family Health Teams, Pharmacies, Central LHIN, NSM LHIN, Beausoleil First Nation, Moose Deer Point First Nation, Rama First Nation, Wahta First Nation, Long-term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Hospices, Coroners, Funeral Directors, Dentists, Group Homes, Homes for Special Care, Optometrists, Corrections, Municipalities, Licensed Child Care Providers

Date: April 28, 2021

Licensed Child Care Staff Eligible to Book Appointments as of Thursday April 29, 2021

Effective Thursday, April 29, 2021, child care workers in licensed child care settings will be eligible to book an appointment through the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. The following will be eligible at this time:

- Licensees, employees and students (ages 18+) on an educational placement who interact directly with children in licensed child care centres and in authorized recreation and skill building programs.
- Licensed home child care and in-home service providers, employees of a home child care agency and students (ages 18+) on an educational placement who interact directly with children in a licensed home child care setting.

Eligible workers in licensed child care settings will receive a letter from their employer. This letter must be available at the point of booking and taken to the vaccination appointment.

In the coming weeks, eligibility will be expanded to child care workers in unlicensed child care settings across the province.

We currently have appointments available as early as this weekend in the provincial booking system in Simcoe Muskoka, with additional appointments in May being added this week.

Hot Spot Eligibility Criteria Provincially Lowered to Those 45 Years of Age and Older, with Local Hot Spot (Bradford West Gwillimbury) Eligibility Remaining at 40 Years of Age and Older

We continue to work with our partners to provide increased vaccination to those living in Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) which has been provincially identified as the only designated Hot Spot in Simcoe Muskoka. People living in BWG have two ways to book appointments for community vaccination clinics:



1. For those 45 years of age and older, whose postal code starts with L3Z – by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 or online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
2. For those 40 years of age and older, living anywhere in BWG – on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury’s website <https://www.townofbwg.com/vaccine>

There are appointments available through both of the above systems, so people are encouraged to check either or both, as per their eligibility.

Essential Caregivers of Children with Highest and High-Risk Health Conditions

One primary essential caregiver for all children with Highest and High-Risk health conditions is eligible for vaccination, even though the child may not be eligible at this time based on age.

Additional Information

For more information about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine in our area, please refer to the SMDHU [COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunization](#) webpages.

For more information on the province’s three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan, please visit [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#).

There are a number of COVID-19 resources and documents available through our Health Professional Portal at www.smdhu.org/hpportal as well as through [Public Health Ontario](#) and the [Government of Ontario](#).