

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

Important updates are included in this alert.

Vaccines

Recent information received from the ministry was that THU would be receiving the Moderna vaccine the first week of February. However, in light of today's news regarding the Pfizer supply issues, the Moderna allotment may also be reassessed by the province. Due to vaccine supply, we anticipate only being able to provide immunizations to residents, staff and essential caregivers of LTC homes within our district with this initial allotment.

THU staff is currently being trained on the provincial COVID-19 immunization database COVax. Training opportunities will be available for other primary care settings in the future.

Weekly vaccine updates will continue to be shared during THU's Health System partner call Friday at 1:00 pm.

PPE – Eye protection

During the [provincial lockdown](#), those working in primary care need to wear personal protective equipment that provides protection of the eyes, nose, and mouth if a worker is required to come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a face covering and not separated by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.

Sessional remuneration for physicians

Attached is documentation from the Ministry of Health delineating circumstances where physicians are eligible to claim the COVID-19 Sessional fees for COVID-19 vaccination services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

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