

### IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

The Ministry has released an updated guidance which can be found here: [Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines: Recommended Doses \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

**Up to date** now means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. People are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines when they have followed the recommendations listed below and in Table 1. The recommendations will be different depending on the person's age, health status, and which vaccines they have received.

Table 1: COVID-19 immunization series for individuals ≥5 years of age		
Age	Recommended Intervals	Minimum Intervals
5 to 11 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> </ul>
12 to 17 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 6 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> </ul>
18-59 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 21 days (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 28 days (Moderna) after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> </ul>
60+ years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> <li>Second booster dose, 5 months after previous booster dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 21 days (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 28 days (Moderna) after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> <li>Second booster dose, 3 months after previous booster dose</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Moderately or severely immuno-compromised</a> individuals ≥5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 8 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> dose, 2 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, (if 12-17) 6 months or (if 18+) 3 months after 3<sup>rd</sup> dose</li> <li>Second booster dose, (if 60+ or other eligible group) 5 months after previous booster dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 21 days (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 28 days (Moderna) after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> dose, 28 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> <li>Booster dose, (if 12+) 3 months after 3<sup>rd</sup> dose</li> <li>Second booster dose, (if 60+ or other eligible group) 3 months after previous booster dose</li> </ul>

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# HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ALERT

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Other highlights include:

**Residents of Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Elder Care Lodges and Older Adults Living in other Congregate Settings** are recommended to receive two booster doses to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. The first booster dose is recommended  $\geq 3$  months after the last dose of their primary COVID-19 vaccine series. The second booster dose is recommended  $\geq 3$  months after the first booster dose.

**People Who Have Had COVID-19** - should receive the recommended number of doses as outlined above. However, they are recommended to wait 4 to 8 weeks after having COVID-19 to get the next dose in their primary series. People who get COVID-19 after a complete primary series are recommended to wait 3 months after having COVID-19 to get their booster dose. Optimal timing can be discussed with a health care provider and depends on age, number of doses received, risk of exposure and health status.

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