

Subject line: Vax Facts – June 2, 2021

Thank you to everyone for reading *VaxFacts* and doing your part to keep the communities we work in safe by getting vaccinated if you can. The information out there has grown incredibly since we started *VaxFacts*! We will continue to collate, in this separate and new way, the best information from credible sources.

As always, if you have a resource or event that you think the sector should know about, send it to us at covid19@oacas.org and don't hesitate to share this email.

Check out oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for information about COVID-19 vaccines in one place.

Recent News

- **As the vaccine roll out continues, last week the Province [announced](#) that they will be accelerating second doses as more vaccines become available.** If there is enough vaccine supply, it is anticipated that most Ontario residents who choose to receive the vaccine will be able to be fully vaccinated by the end of summer. If vaccine availability remains steady, the province anticipates the following schedule:

Week of May 31: Age 80 years and older eligible to book their second dose

Week of June 14: Age 70 years and older eligible to book their second dose

Week of June 28: Anyone who received their first dose between March 8 and April 18 is eligible to book their second dose

Week of July 19: Anyone who received their first dose between April 19 and May 9 is eligible to book their second dose

Week of August 2: Anyone who received their first dose between May 10 and May 30 is eligible to book their second dose

Week of August 9-16: Anyone 12-25 years old who received their first dose the week of May 31.

- **AstraZeneca: The current guidance allows people to receive their second dose after 10 weeks people may choose to wait until 12 weeks.** Depending on where you live, supply could be an issue, so if you are eligible for your second shot, check in with the pharmacy where you received it for guidance.
- **On June 1, NACI released guidance on “mixing” vaccines.** You can read it [here](#) or view a short summary slide show about the change [here](#). In short, if your first dose was AstraZeneca/Covishield, your second can be AstraZeneca or a mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or

Moderna). If you received a mRNA vaccine for your first shot, you should be offered the same brand, but another could be substituted if necessary.

- **Now that it's getting closer, are you curious about what to expect after your second dose?** Check out this great slide show from the @COVIDVaccinefacts [here](#).
- **How people are called for their second shots will, you guessed it — depend on the PHU and where the first shot was given.** Here is a general summary:

Where to get vaccinated and how to book an appointment:

Mass immunization clinic:

- For public health units using the provincial booking system: visit [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) to book online or call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line number at 1-833-943-3900.
- For public health units using their own booking system: visit your public health unit website for booking details.

Pop-up / mobile clinic

- Individuals may already have an appointment booked at the pop-up location where they received their first dose. Those who attended these clinics will also have the option of booking second doses at mass clinics, or at a pharmacy, or at another mobile clinic.

Hospital Clinic

- Visit your public health unit website for booking details, if available in your region.

Pharmacy Clinic

- Eligible individuals are encouraged to contact the pharmacy or primary care provider where they received their first dose. Primary care settings and pharmacies may also be reaching out to eligible Ontarians to accelerate appointments for second doses.

Children and Youth

- **As expected, a consent form for those aged 12-17 has been developed.** You can access it [here](#). A reminder that you only need to complete the consent form once, making your second appointment even faster!
- **PHUs across the province have been vocal in their intention to support capable children to make their own decisions about the COVID-19 vaccine to support their rights as enshrined in the *Health Care Consent Act*.** If you would like to know more about why or how this is so, check out [this explainer from the Ontario COVID-19 Bioethics Table](#).
- **We realize that your work to prepare young people to make their decision often includes conversations with family members and/or caregivers.** We love this “cheat sheet” that the experts at thisisourshot.ca published to answer the *7 Top Parental Concerns Answered*. You can access it [here](#) in case it is helpful for your conversations with families.

The one thing we will be watching this week:

- “Parental decision making on covid vaccines: evidence for making informed choices.” Join the Toronto Black Covid Taskforce for a Zoom Town Hall on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7 PM, for a COVID-19 vaccine education session to encourage Black families and parents to learn more about vaccines. This session is intended to help people make healthy decisions about vaccinations for themselves and their families. Register [here](#).