

# RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

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### **Vaccination Capacity Increases With Move To Larger Pembroke Clinic Site**

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit is pleased to announce that it, with the support of partner organizations, has doubled its vaccination efforts in the past week alone. Furthermore, beginning December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Pembroke vaccination site for 12+ clinics will be relocating to 100 Crandall Street, former home of the local call centre in the city's west end.

The clinic is being operated on behalf of RCDHU by the Pembroke Regional Hospital.

Over the next couple of weeks as that clinic ramps up, appointment availability for those seeking COVID-19 vaccine appointments will nearly quadruple.

Andrew Keck, Manager of Healthy Communities/COVID-19 Vaccination Program said "those looking to book an appointment can expect to see increased appointment availability online in the coming days, with a significant number being opened up after Christmas and into the beginning of January."

While RCDHU is currently experiencing some technical difficulties which are temporarily reducing the capacity of the organization's call centre, there is no impact to the online booking system.

Currently, everyone 18 years of age and over who received their second dose a minimum of 84 days ago is eligible to book an appointment for their third dose.

Those looking to book an appointment locally can do so via the following online link:

<https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/booking-your-covid-19-vaccine/>

Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to navigate the booking site themselves and to note the location of their appointment on their confirmation email to ensure which site they are booked at.

**ONLY** those who have no online access should be calling the health unit with regards to booking an appointment.

Pharmacies in the region are also offering third dose appointments.

For more information, visit [RCDHU's website](#) or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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