## RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee For Immediate Release

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## Youth Aged 12-17 Eligible to Book Accelerated Second Dose

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is announcing that in alignment with the province, youth aged 12 to 17 are eligible to book an accelerated second dose appointment to receive the Pfizer vaccine through the Renfrew County and District booking system and participating pharmacies starting **Monday**, **July 5**, **2021**, **at 8:00 a.m.** 

To help ensure that residents have ample opportunity to book and/or re-book, many appointments will be added over the coming weeks to support individuals booking their second dose sooner.

Residents are being asked to book or re-book online at Renfrew County – COVID Vaccination Clinic Registration, as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. Please book only one appointment per person to ensure that appointments are available to other eligible individuals. Alternatively, COVID-19 vaccines remain available through pharmacies. To find a pharmacy near you visit COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations.

**ONLY** if a person is unable to register online, they can call RCDHU at 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097, ext. 201. Residents are asked to leave <u>one</u> message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

Additionally, if you have been unable to find an appointment date or time that works for you and are able to come in last minute, you can put your name on the COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List, which allows residents to be called for last minute or same day appointments that open at various clinics across Renfrew County and District. We are asking everyone to book the soonest appointment that they can due to the large number of vaccines coming. Click here to add your name to the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List, or visit <a href="https://www.rcdhu.com">www.rcdhu.com</a> and click on the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout webpage and scroll down to the link for the Weekly Extra Dose Sign-Up List.

For more information on getting a second dose and interchanging vaccines, visit RCDHU's <u>Fact Sheet: Your Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine</u>. For all other COVID-19 inquiries, visit <u>RCDHU's website</u> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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