

# RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

## For Immediate Release

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### **COVID-19 Third Dose Vaccine Eligibility Rollout**

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and its partners will be expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination third dose (booster) appointments in line with the province's announcement made earlier today.

**Effective November 5, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.**, booking appointments for COVID-19 third dose (booster) vaccinations will begin for the following vulnerable populations if at least six months (168days) has passed since their second (last) dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- Health care workers;
- Designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers);
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine/Johnson&Johnson vaccine);
- Individuals who are immunocompromised; and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

**For a complete list of those who are eligible within each group visit:** [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#).

All eligible residents will be able to access vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District or visit a participating pharmacy.

**The online booking system will open November 5, 2021, for anyone who is currently eligible.**

Residents will be asked to book an appointment online 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.

Residents are still eligible to receive first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please note that individuals who are currently eligible for first and second doses include: all residents born in 2009 or earlier (turning 12 years of age or older in 2021).

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

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