

MEMO

TO: All Staff, Physicians and Volunteers

FROM: Occupational Health / Infection Prevention and Control

DATE: November 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Community-Based Appointments Readily Available For Those Now Eligible For Third Dose Of COVID-19 Vaccine

ALL health care workers who are at least 168 days past the date of their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are NOW eligible to receive a third dose (booster). Staff wishing to receive this vaccination are encouraged to book into a community clinic while appointments are readily available.

Upcoming clinics are being held in Pembroke from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates:

Clinic Date	Location	Eligibility-Received second dose on or before:
Thursday, November 18	RCDHU-141 Lake Street, Pembroke	June 3
Monday, November 22	RCDHU-141 Lake Street, Pembroke	June 7
Thursday, November 25	RCDHU-141 Lake Street, Pembroke	June 10

Appointments can be booked using the following link:
<https://covid-vacc-rcvtac.mychamp.ca/>

A full list of clinics in Renfrew County can be found on the Renfrew County and District Health Unit website at www.rcdhu.com.

According to Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), health care workers are at an increased risk of COVID-19 infection due to their ongoing interactions and potential exposures to patients that are or may be infected with COVID-19, and are essential for maintaining health system capacity. They also pose an increased risk of transmission to vulnerable populations, if infected. While third doses are recommended for health care workers, they are NOT part of the mandatory vaccine requirements for employment and are NOT required to be considered "fully vaccinated".

Proof of third dose vaccination can be submitted to Occ Health on a voluntary basis.