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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Health Units, Primary Care Providers, Pharmacies, Public Hospitals, Indigenous Organizations, Long-Term Care Homes, and Retirement Homes

FROM: Dr. Kieran Michael Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health

RE: Spring 2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

Ontario's Spring 2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign is currently underway and will run from April to June 2024.

To protect those most at risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19, the Ministry of Health (MOH) is recommending that the following individuals at increased risk of severe illness receive an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine this spring:

- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Adult residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate living settings for seniors
- Individuals 6 months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (due to an underlying condition or treatment)
- Individuals 55 years and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis and their non-Indigenous household members who are 55 years and older.

Eligible individuals may receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Spring 2024 if it has been six months from the previous COVID-19 vaccine dose or known SARS-CoV-2 infection (whichever is later). A shorter interval (3 to < 6 months) can be used to support program implementation and if recommended by a health care provider. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine this spring is particularly important for individuals listed above who did not receive a dose during the Fall 2023 campaign.

All other individuals are not currently recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine this spring and are advised to wait until further MOH recommendations. This includes individuals not at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 who did not receive an XBB COVID-19 vaccine in Fall 2023, unless they are specifically recommended to receive a dose by their health care provider.


Please refer to the [COVID-19 website](#) (for public) and the [COVID-19 Vaccine Program website](#) (for health care providers) for more information.

Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine program has been highly effective but as immunity wanes over time, continued vaccination against COVID-19, particularly for at-risk populations, is critical to protect the most vulnerable and to preserve healthcare capacity. As such, I ask all providers to make a concerted effort to support the Spring 2024 campaign by vaccinating high-risk patients as appropriate. We are also asking that vaccine administrators enter COVID-19 data into COVaxON in a timely manner to ensure accuracy of records and to prevent errors.

Please share this information with your stakeholders, partners, and high-risk patients/community members.

Thank you again for your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the health of our most vulnerable and keeping our communities safe.

Sincerely,



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