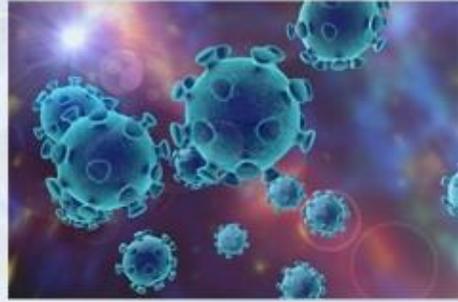


COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Memo from the Vice President

All Staff and Physicians

February 26, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings for Eastern Health Staff and Physicians

Vaccine supply is anticipated to increase in the coming weeks, and we are continuing to immunize health-care workers in line with the provincial Covid-19 vaccine priority groups. In preparation, your manager will be submitting the names of staff who are in the current priority groups and who wish to receive the vaccine. If you are in one of the current priority groups and have not yet received your vaccine, you will be contacted. If you are not in one of the identified priority groups, it is important to note that all staff and physicians will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine as additional vaccine becomes available.

Appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations for physician and staff are currently being booked by phone. To avoid delays in booking, it is important that you answer your phone as it may not be apparent that the call is from an Eastern Health phone number. Opportunities for other booking options are being explored and you will be advised of any new changes.

You will need your MCP number when booking your appointment. When you are called, you will receive an appointment for your first dose only. The appointment for your second dose will be given to you at the clinic when you receive your first dose of vaccine. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization supports up to 42 days between doses depending on expert advice, emerging evidence, vaccine availability, changes in virus characteristics and/or epidemiology. Eastern Health follows recommended dosing schedules as per national recommendations.

If you are pregnant and/or breastfeeding, immunosuppressed (have a weakened immune system), or have an autoimmune condition, you should talk to your health-care provider to discuss the potential risks and benefits of receiving the vaccine prior to attending your appointment. If you do not talk to your health-care provider before your appointment, it may delay your vaccine administration.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, or if you are ill on the day of your appointment, please call (709) 693-7720. This number is monitored 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and

during scheduled staff vaccination clinic hours. Please note that new appointments cannot be booked through this number. Any questions or concerns regarding the vaccine bookings should be addressed directly with your manager.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation through this evolving process.

Judy O'Keefe
Vice President

Report all potential communicable diseases to Occupational Health: 709-777-7777, line 3, line 2, or email occhealth@easternhealth.ca.

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