

June 15, 2021

MEMO: Accelerated Second Doses Expanded to Everyone Vaccinated with an mRNA Vaccine Before May 9, 2021.

As of tomorrow, **Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 8 am**, Southwestern Public Health and Middlesex-London Public Health Unit will expand eligibility for accelerated second doses to anyone vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine **on or before May 9, 2021**.

These individuals join the following groups already eligible for an accelerated second dose:

- Residents of long-term care, retirement, and First Nations elder care homes
- Indigenous people living on reserve
- Transplant recipients, including solid organ transplants and hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- Individuals with malignant hematologic disorders and non-hematologic malignant solid tumors receiving active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy), excluding individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy
- Highest-risk health care workers and first responders
- Individuals undergoing hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Indigenous people living in urban communities, including non-Indigenous partners and household members
- Individuals in the authorized age group taking an anti-CD20 agent
- Individuals aged 70+ (born in 1951 or earlier)

Please note: doses of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) must be a minimum of 28 days apart.

HOW TO BOOK AN EARLIER SECOND DOSE APPOINTMENT:

Book online at www.covidvaccinelm.ca If you need to re-schedule a shorter-interval second dose appointment, go to Section #4: *I need to re-book my scheduled second dose*. For adults 18 and over, appointments may be booked at any of the clinics in the region as the two vaccines

offered (Moderna and Pfizer) can be used interchangeably. Youth ages 12 – 17 most book into a clinic offering Pfizer, as Moderna is not yet authorized for use for that age group. Many appointments are available at our Tillsonburg location, but other locations are booking into July.

SWPH reminds those who used the same email address or cell phone number to book first dose appointments for more than one person, can now re-book second dose appointments online.

If you have any problems rebooking an earlier second dose appointment, please call our COVID-19 Response Centre at 1-800-922-0096 ext. 9 and a member of our team will be pleased to support you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joyce Lock
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Southwestern Public Health