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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update

On July 13, 2022, **Ontario expanded** second booster dose eligibility of the COVID-19 vaccine to include individuals aged 18-59. The Ministry of Health has yet to publish final guidance for this eligibility update.

High-risk individuals who should get their second booster dose as soon as possible (many of whom have been eligible to do so for months) include:

- Individuals aged 60 and older;
- First Nation, Inuit, and Metis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and older;
- Residents of a long-term care, retirement home, or Elder Care Lodge and older adults living in other congregate settings that provide assisted-living and health services; and
- **Individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.**

Timing:

- Eligible to receive a second booster dose at 5 months or longer (140 days), and at a minimum of 3 months (84 days), after their first booster dose.
- 3-month interval post COVID-19 infection.

Those aged 18-59 who are otherwise healthy are encouraged to make an informed decision about second booster timing based on their personal circumstances, or to speak with their primary care provider about whether now is the right time for a second booster.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

- Southwestern Public Health is welcoming those eligible for a second dose effective immediately.
- Visit www.swpublichealth.ca/covid19vaccine for upcoming clinics.
- All clinics are walk-in only – no appointment options available.

Please advise patients/clients to expect line-ups at public health vaccine clinics as more individuals seek booster doses. Patients/clients may also choose to be vaccinated through local pharmacies or their primary care provider.