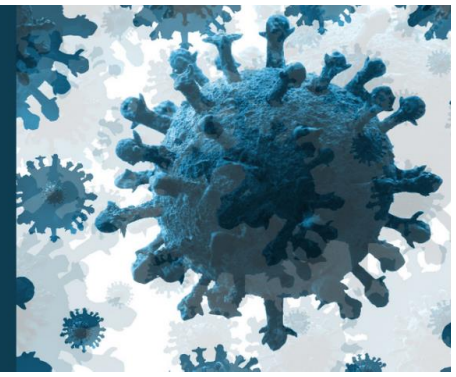


COVID-19 Immunization Update

For Health Care Providers in Oxford County, Elgin County,
and the City of St. Thomas



March 3, 2022

An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health

Please share with staff as appropriate.

What You Need to Know This Week

1. POP-UP CLINICS REMINDER

- Our pop-up clinic locations are updated often at www.swpublichealth.ca/covid19vaccines#popup.

2. NOVAVAX AND MEDICAGO VACCINE OPTIONS

- [Health Canada has authorized](#) Novavax's Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine for adults aged 18 and older. Ontario is expecting to receive its first shipment of over 380,000 doses in mid-March.
- [Health Canada has also authorized](#) Medicago's Covifenz, a made-in-Canada plant-based option for adults aged 18-64. We will share more details once we have received guidance from NACI and supply details from the federal and provincial governments.
- If you have clients/patients asking for either of these vaccine options, please have them call us at 1-800-922-0096 ext. 9 to indicate their interest.

3. PHAC: WEBINAR FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Vaccination Evidence Research Exchange Centre are hosting a webinar regarding strategies to build vaccine confidence in people who are pregnant, lactating, or planning to become pregnant.
- Thursday, March 17, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. [Click here to register](#).

4. SWPH REGION VACCINATION RATES

- Data from the Ministry of Health as of March 2:
 - Percentage of SWPH 5+ population with at least one dose: 83.6%
 - Percentage of SWPH 5+ population with both doses: 80.7%
 - Percentage of SWPH 50+ population with three doses: 80.77%
 - **Percentage of SWPH 5-11 population with at least one dose: 44.3%**