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## **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update for the Southwestern Public Health Region**

The following groups have been added to the eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine in our region.

- **Immediate household/family members of Indigenous people who themselves are not Indigenous are also eligible to receive the vaccine.**
- **Education staff who provide direct support to students with complex special needs as defined as those who support students who meet one or more of the following criteria:**
  - who require support with activities of daily living, including health and safety measures
  - are unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons
  - have complex medical needs
  - cannot be accommodated through remote learning

### **Second-Dose Scheduling: Update**

Given the scarce vaccine supply, the Province has directed the following:

- All second doses for the following individuals will be delivered at intervals described in the product monograph:
  - Residents of Long-Term Care, Retirement Homes, and First Nations Elder Care Homes
  - Indigenous people living on-reserve
  - Transplant recipients (including solid organ transplants, and hematopoietic stem cell transplants)

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- Individuals with malignant hematological disorders and non-hematologic malignant solid tumors receiving active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy), excluding individuals receiving solely hormonal therapy or radiation therapy
- All other groups will be scheduled for second doses 112 days after their first dose.

**Adults aged 75 or older** who need help booking an appointment can sign up for support at [forms.swpublichealth.ca/COVID-19-Help-List](https://forms.swpublichealth.ca/COVID-19-Help-List).

A full listing and how to book an appointment is available on our website, [www.swpublichealth.ca/eligibility](https://www.swpublichealth.ca/eligibility).

**IMPORTANT:**

To continue to be notified of vaccine eligibility updates, **you must subscribe** to the following page on the Southwestern Public Health website (found at the bottom of the page):

<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/partners-and-professionals/advisories-alerts-and-information.aspx#>