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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.

- Frontline healthcare workers working in hospital inpatient settings and hospital procedural areas, including surgical care, anesthesia, obstetrics, endoscopy, operating rooms, dialysis, imaging, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy. Other ambulatory and out-patient care areas are not included at this time.
- Residents and staff in other congregate care settings for seniors, including assisted living facilities.
- Adults 80 years of age and older (born in 1941 or earlier).
- Indigenous adults 55 years of age and older (born in 1966 or earlier). Eligible individuals must self-identify as Indigenous when presenting at clinic.
- Indigenous adults 16 years of age and older living on-reserve. Only eligible at on-reserve clinics.

All previously identified groups remain eligible.

How to Book an Appointment:

- Eligible healthcare workers will be given information from their employer for how to book an appointment.
- Elgin-Oxford clinics will open the week of March 15. Booking details will be shared the week of March 8.
- Individuals aged 80+ and Indigenous adults aged 55+ who prefer not to wait can book an appointment at the Western Fair Agriplex beginning March 2 by calling 226-289-3560. Appointments will be limited to March 6-8 due to low vaccine supply.

Important Information:

- Only those currently eligible can book an appointment.
- Appointments are **required**. Those without an appointment **will be turned away**.
- A completed consent form is **required**. Please **bring a completed consent form ([link](#))** to your appointment to avoid delays at the clinic. Printed copies will be at the clinic as well.

Public Health does not keep a wait list for COVID-19 vaccinations. As more groups become eligible, we will update our website at www.swpublichealth.ca/covid19vaccine. We appreciate your continued patience and support.