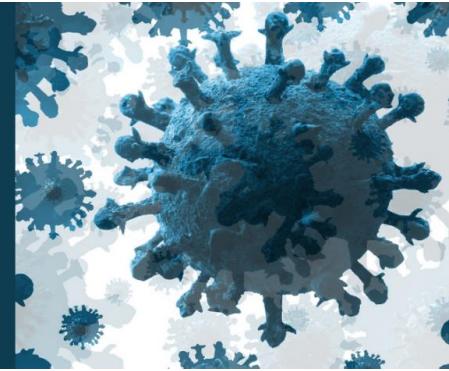


COVID-19 Immunization Update

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



Week of June 14, 2021

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

Please share with staff as appropriate.

What You Need to Know This Week

1. EARLY SECOND DOSE ELIGIBILITY

- Visit www.swpublichealth.ca/eligibility for a full list of who is currently eligible.
- To reschedule, visit www.covidvaccineLM.ca or call 1-800-922-0096 ext. 9 to have assistance from a member of the Southwestern Public Health team.
- Individuals **who are eligible for an earlier second dose AND** have more than one appointment (such as for a family member) associated with their email address or cell phone number can reschedule online as well.
- We urge all individuals to cancel their appointment with public health if they book their second dose appointment elsewhere (e.g. at a pharmacy, primary care, or another health unit). Visit <http://swpublichealth.ca/eligibility#CancelMyVaccine>.

2. ASTRAZENECA DOSE INTERVAL

- Over the weekend, [Ontario announced](#) people who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine can now receive their second dose 8 weeks later. This previously was a 12-week interval.
- Additionally, they can choose to receive AstraZeneca or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) for their second dose.
- Everyone is encouraged to be vaccinated in the same location they had their first dose to manage local vaccine inventory.

3. URGENTLY RECRUITING PHYSICIAN IMMUNIZERS

- We have an urgent need for physician immunizers at our vaccination clinics.
- Interested physicians are asked to contact [Nicole Dagg](#) or [Sonya Lobsinger](#) and provide the following information in their email: **NAME, CPSO Number, Address and Phone Number/Fax Number**
- An agreement will be drafted and sent to the physician for review and signature along with a SWPH confidentiality agreement for signature. Once the agreement is fully signed the physician are contacted

by the physician schedulers and booked into the clinics based on their availability and site preference (Woodstock or St. Thomas).

- **All shifts are 830AM – 430PM and partial shifts are also available 830AM-1230PM and 1230PM-430PM.**
- Physicians will be provided with an orientation email and information related to the COVAX database. Those administering vaccines are expected to document their work in the COVAX database
- In consideration of remuneration, Physicians are required to submit their own claims for H409/H410 services using the group number registration provided to SWPH. The Physicians will provide SWPH with detailed billing records in order to allow SWPH to verify service delivery.
- Additional information about the COVID-19 sessional fee codes is available at:
 - <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4755.aspx>
 - <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4760.aspx>
- Pharmacists who are interested in an immunizer role follow a separate process. Contact [Nicole Dagg](#) or [Sonya Lobsinger](#) to express interest and discuss next steps.