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# 'High Priority' Health Care Workers now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

## Who is eligible?

High Priority health care workers, as defined in the Ministry of Health's Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination, are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Such health care workers, including custodial, security and reception staff, may receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the Halton Healthcare Vaccination Centre at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

**To be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, health care workers must:**

- **work at one of the settings listed below AND**
- **work or live in Halton Region AND**
- **provide direct, in-person care to patients at least once a week.**

If you are working remotely full-time, please do not book an appointment at this time. As vaccine supply increases, eligibility will be expanded.

## High Priority Health Care Workers:

1) Health care workers in community care with lower risk of exposure and serving special populations:

- Developmental services
- Mental health services
- Addictions services

2) Health care workers in community care with lower risk of exposure and serving general populations:

- Campus health
- Community diagnostic imaging
- Daycare/school nursing
- Dietary/nutrition
- Independent health facilities (e.g., opticians/optometry, podiatry, audiology, medical and surgical specialties)
- Naturopathy/holistic care
- Social work
- Sexual health clinics

3) Health care workers in non-acute rehabilitation and therapy:

- Chiropractic
- Chronic pain clinics
- Kinesiology
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Psychotherapy
- Registered massage therapy

- Acupuncture
- Other therapy.

4) Public health (all public health who have client-facing contact at least one day a week)
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Please note that health care workers defined as Highest Priority and Very High Priority in Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination remain eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

## How to book an appointment

- If you are eligible, please book online or call 311 to book your appointment.
- You will be asked to attest to your eligibility as a health care worker.
- Halton Healthcare will provide details of where to go and what to expect when you arrive.
- Your vaccine appointment will occur at the Halton COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, located at 3001 Hospital Gate, Oakville, ON L6M 0L8.

## Please bring to your appointment:

- Ontario Health card

For additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please see the attached fact sheet or visit **halton.ca/COVIDvaccines**.

Thank you for your exceptional work during the pandemic and for your participation in this vaccine campaign.

Sincerely,

Halton Region Public Health