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Additional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Being Added to Provincial Booking System

Residents born in 1941 or earlier will soon have more area clinic locations and dates to choose from when looking to book a vaccination appointment.

Although the provincial booking system went live on Monday, not all of the vaccination clinics planned across Ontario, including Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, have been loaded into the system. Additional clinic locations and appointment times will be available on the system in the coming weeks. Anyone who has previously tried to book a vaccination appointment and has not found a local clinic is encouraged to revisit the provincial booking system again in the coming weeks to see additional clinic locations and dates.

"We know some of our residents went into the provincial booking system to book their appointments this week and discovered there were no clinics in their area," said Dr. Ian Gemmill, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU). "We understand that it has been frustrating, but we need to ensure that there is a dose of vaccine available for every appointment and I would ask people to be patient and go back into the system in the coming weeks to check for additional clinics."

Everyone who wants the vaccine will receive it, Dr. Gemmill said, and he asks for everyone's understanding as the vaccine program unfolds. As more vaccine becomes available, more clinic appointments can open, and more people can be vaccinated, he said. In the meantime, immunization of high-risk people in phase one, such as residents of retirement homes, is continuing.

All vaccination appointments for residents born in 1941 or earlier **MUST** be booked through the provincial booking system. Booking can be done online at www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine or by phone at 1-888-999-6488.

The following clinic locations are either already appearing on the provincial booking system or will appear in the coming weeks.

City of Kawartha Lakes:

Lindsay Exhibition (LEX) – 354 Angeline Street South, Lindsay – appointments can be booked through the provincial system and clinics will begin March 18. **Please note, the address is Angeline Street South**.

Fenelon Falls Community Centre – 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls – clinic dates and times will be added to the provincial booking system in the coming weeks. Clinics will begin the week of April 5.

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Haliburton County:

Haliburton Family Medical Centre (Second Floor) – 7217 Gelert Road, Haliburton – clinics will be added to the provincial booking system by March 18. Clinic appointments begin March 22.

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena – 55 Parkside Street, Minden – clinic dates will be added to the provincial booking system in the coming weeks. Clinic appointments begin the week of April 5.

Northumberland County:

Cobourg Community Centre – 750 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg – clinic dates and times will be added to the provincial booking system by March 26. Clinics will begin March 29.

Trent Hills Emergency Services Base, 50 Doxsee Avenue, Campbellford – clinic dates and times will be added to the provincial booking system in coming weeks.

Once more vaccine becomes available locally, HKPRDHU will continue to vaccinate those residents born in 1941 or earlier and continue to vaccinate individuals identified in phase one of the provincial vaccine distribution plan, including: residents, staff and essential caregivers of retirement homes and senior's congregate settings, Heath care workers identified as the highest priorities; and Indigenous adults living on reserves and urban areas. The vaccine will be available to all residents eventually over the next few months, and clinics will continue until everyone who wants the vaccine has received it.

To learn more about COVID-19, vaccination distribution and vaccination clinics, visit: www.hkpr.on.ca.

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