

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Thunder Bay Regional
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To: All Staff and Professional Staff

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RE: **Eligibility for Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine at Shortened Interval**

The purpose of this memo is to provide further clarification on the provincial announcement that the highest risk health care workers are now eligible to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a shortened interval.

Second dose booking codes will only be provided to those health care workers who are considered to be of **highest risk as per the Ministry of Health**. For more information on eligibility, please visit <http://bit.ly/Ontario-Eligibility-ShortenedInterval-May10>.

Despite this update in eligibility for second doses, the province has indicated that first doses remain the top priority at this time. According to provincial direction, the rescheduling of second dose appointments will be offered to small groups of highest risk health care workers only when supply allows and commitments to first dose bookings are fulfilled.

For those Hospital employees who are eligible, you will be provided with a code and booking instructions from your manager or Medical and Academic Affairs once it is your turn.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with this process. It is important to remember that the vast majority of Hospital staff will receive their second vaccine dose by late June 2021.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>