

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Volunteers and Learners

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RE: **COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Third Dose Eligibility Guidelines**

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has released eligibility guidelines indicating that all health care workers who have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago, are now eligible to receive a third dose (or “booster shot”).

We welcome this decision as it will provide our staff with an extra layer of protection against other variants of COVID-19.

The new eligibility guidelines are in line with recommendations made by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) last week. Those eligible for a booster shot will receive a dose of an mRNA vaccine, like Pfizer or Moderna, regardless of which type of vaccine they received in their first series.

We are currently developing a plan to set up a clinic onsite at the Hospital that will allow us to coordinate and administer third doses for eligible staff in an equitable and timely manner.

More information will be shared with staff as soon as it becomes available.

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