

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jennifer Wintermans, Executive Vice President, Communications and Corporate Relations

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RE: **Third Dose Eligibility Reminder for Hospital Health Care Workers**

Fully vaccinated health care workers (including staff, professional staff, learners and volunteers) at our Hospital who have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine **at least 168 days (24 weeks) ago** are eligible to book an appointment for a third dose (or “booster shot”).

Still not sure if you're eligible? The chart below offers some guidance on timing for health care workers who received their second dose in June and July:

Date of Second Vaccine Dose	Eligible Date for Third Dose
June 7th	November 22nd
June 14th	November 29th
June 21st	December 6th
June 28th	December 13th
July 5th	December 20th
July 12th	December 27th
July 19th	January 3rd

This third dose will be administered at our on-site clinic, located on the 3rd floor foyer, outside of the Ibn Sina Simulation Lab from now until January 7th. Appointments may be booked online at <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/>.

Health care workers who do not have regular access to a computer can use one in the Hospital's library, access the scheduling system online via their smart phone, or call 684-6000 (extension 4585) to book their appointment by speaking with a clerk during regular clinic hours or by leaving a voicemail. **Please note that drop-ins for a third dose will not be accepted. It is by appointment only.**

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to all recipients, regardless of which type of mRNA vaccine they received in their first series. We recommend that those who receive their third dose wait for 15 minutes immediately afterwards for safety monitoring, but must stay for a minimum of five minutes if you are remaining onsite for your scheduled shift.

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All health care workers coming to the clinic for their appointment are reminded to:

- wear a mask and bring eye protection as there may not be enough space to maintain physical distance in the recovery area.
- bring a government-issued photo ID.
- wear attire that allows for easy access to your upper arm.

We also encourage any unvaccinated health care workers at our Hospital to book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine using the above link.

Be sure to send your vaccination receipt to Occupational Health and Safety (ohs@tbh.net) as soon as possible, whether you have received your third dose from the Hospital's clinic or an external source such as your primary health care provider or the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

For previously communicated details, visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/appointments-for-third-doses-now-available/>.

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

Thank you for your continued efforts in our COVID-19 response.