

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

From: Jennifer Wintermans, EVP, Communications and Corporate Relations, COVID-19 Lead

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RE: **Onsite Vaccination Clinic Available for First, Second and Third Doses**

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 receive their third dose by drop in or appointment at the Hospital's onsite vaccination clinic.

The intent of the third dose is to increase protection that may have decreased over time and will provide added protection against new variants of COVID-19. Third doses will be administered at our on-site clinic, located on the 3rd floor foyer, outside of the Ibn Sina Simulation Lab, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm until January 14th (with the exception of some holidays between Christmas and New Year's). An appointment may be booked online at <https://tbdhu.canadaehs.com/tbdhu/hospital/> or by calling 684-6000 (extension 4585) and speaking with a clerk during regular clinic hours. Our clinic does have capacity this week to accommodate drop ins for those individuals who would like to receive their third dose prior to the holiday season.

A first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is also available to unvaccinated health care workers at our Hospital. Appointments may also be booked using the above link. If there are Hospital health care workers who are hesitant to be vaccinated due to severe allergies or health concerns, they may be referred to our high-risk vaccination clinic through their primary care provider or a physician at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU)'s CLE mass vaccination clinic if they meet the eligibility criteria. Instructions for referral have been provided to all primary care practitioners as well as the TBDHU, along with the referral form. Health care workers who are looking for more information about the COVID-19 vaccine from experts and trusted sources may visit <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/informed/learn-more-covid-19-vaccine/>.

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, and wear attire that allows for easy access to your upper arm. We recommend that those who receive their shot 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. Please note that the Pfizer vaccine will be administered to all recipients.

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

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