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Residents Born in 1941 or Before Can Book a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Starting Today

With the launch of the provincial COVax booking system today, residents born in 1941 or before can book an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Appointments can be made either online at www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine or by calling 705-876-4636. Anyone with general vaccination questions can call the Ontario Public Vaccination Information Line at 1-888-999-6488.

"With the launch of today's provincial system, eligible residents can either book appointments themselves, or loved ones can do it on their behalf," explained Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health. "We know there is a great deal of excitement out there to get vaccinated, but rest assured there is plenty of vaccine available, and once you become eligible, you remain eligible for all vaccination clinics going forward."

All you need to book your appointment is your Ontario photo health card. For those booking online, you will need an email address. Expired Ontario photo health cards will be accepted, however if your card is marked as lost or stolen, you will have to call 705-876-4636 to book your appointment. Old red and white Ontario health cards can only be used for booking appointment over the phone. Online appointments can be booked 24/7, phone service at 705-876-4636 is available from Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The COVax system does not accept pre-registrations and is pre-loaded with everyone's Ontario health card number. Only residents who meet the eligible age of 80+ years will be able to book an appointment. There are approximately 7,200 local adults who are 80+ years, and there is enough capacity to vaccinate them before the end of March. Those who are not yet eligible for vaccination are asked not to call the booking line to ensure residents who are 80+ can access this service.

Clinics are taking place both in the City and County of Peterborough. First dose clinics for people born in 1941 or before include:

Evinrude Centre

911 Monaghan Rd, Peterborough ON March 20-27, 9am-4pm

Norwood Community Centre - Millennium Room

88 Alma St, Norwood ON March 22-24, 9am-4pm

Peterborough Regional Health Centre

1 Hospital Dr, Peterborough, ON March 20-25, Sat-Sun 8am-3:30pm, Mon-Thurs 12pm-7:30pm

Before booking an appointment, residents are encouraged to visit peterboroughpublichealth.ca for guidance.

Appointments are only available to residents born in 1941 or before. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine visit the Peterborough Public Health <u>webpage</u> or call 1-888-999-6488.

Peterborough Public Health is grateful for the support of the City of Peterborough, the County of Peterborough, and its many community partners for their support in organizing and running these clinics for local residents.

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