

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Process

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In preparation for the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, UHN, our vaccine hub lead for the Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team (OHT), has launched a pre-registration system for individuals 80 years of age and older. This pre-registration system is open to all eligible patients of Women's College Hospital, UHN, Sinai Health, Toronto Grace, and family health teams in our Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team who are interested in being vaccinated.

Please note that it **does not** provide access to book appointments at this time and is only to register interest. Below is key information on the new pre-registration system and eligibility.

Registration

What is the vaccine registry?

UHN, our vaccine hub lead for the Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team (OHT), has launched a pre-registration system for the COVID-19 vaccine for patients and residents of our area who are 80 years of age and older. We are encouraging eligible individuals who are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine to register so they can be easily contacted when the vaccine becomes available.

How do I pre-register?

Currently, registration is only available online.

1. Go to https://www.uhn.ca/COVID19_Vaccine/Pages/COVID19_vaccine_pre_registration.aspx
2. You will be asked to enter your name, birthday and address if you have one.
3. You will also be asked questions about your eligibility to receive the vaccine.
4. Once the vaccine is available for you, we will contact you with an appointment time and information.

What happens after I register?

Pre-registration does not mean you have an appointment, and you may not be contacted right away. Appointments will become available based on our supply of vaccine. When an appointment for your eligibility group becomes available, you will be contacted through the method you selected on your registration (phone or email). If you selected email, please be sure to check your JUNK/SPAM folder regularly.

How do I register without internet access?

The registry is currently only available online. You can ask a trusted family member, caregiver or friend to help you enter your name into the registry on your behalf. On Monday, March 8, 2021, information will be shared about a call centre.

How do I register for a second dose?

When you are contacted about your first appointment, you will receive information about your second appointment.

When I register, how will my personal health information be used?

UHN will use the information collected in the registry (or the information of the person you are registering) to contact you when vaccine supply is available. UHN will contact you to schedule a vaccination appointment and give you other information about the vaccine.

I'm having trouble registering, where can I get help?

If you are having trouble with the registry or have questions, please contact patientrelations@uhn.ca

I have already had COVID-19. Should I still register for a vaccine?

Yes, people who have already had COVID-19 should still get a COVID-19 vaccine. While getting COVID-19 might offer some protection from getting infected again, it's not clear how long this protection lasts or how effective it is. We do know that getting infected again is possible and COVID-19 can cause severe medical complications.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to register?

Pre-registration is only available to these eligible priority groups, which are determined by [Ontario's Ministry of Health](#). At this time, in order to pre-register, individuals must:

Be aged 80 years or older (born in 1941 or earlier)

AND

Be a patient receiving care at University Health Network (UHN), Women's College Hospital, Sinai Health System, or Toronto Grace Health Centre.

OR

Live in our [catchment area](#) (south of Eglinton Avenue West to north of Lake Ontario, east of Roncesvalles Avenue and west of Yonge Street) as defined by the Mid-West Toronto Ontario Health Team (MWT-OHT).

OR

Have a primary care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner) within the [MWT-OHT catchment area](#)

Your information will be verified when you book your vaccine appointment, and you will not be given an appointment if you do not meet the eligibility criteria. Please do not submit your name to more than one registry.

When will more people be eligible for the vaccine?

We don't yet know when the vaccine will be available to other groups. The best places to get up-to-date information are:

- For local public health or Toronto Public Health's COVID-19 information page, please [click here](#).
- For Ontario Health's COVID-19 vaccine information page, please [click here](#).

My Appointment

Can I bring an Essential Care Partner to my vaccine appointment?

There will be people to help you at the vaccination centre. If you need additional help, you may be able to get approval to bring someone inside with you. Please discuss this when you are contacted about an appointment.

Can I bring a family member, caregiver, neighbour or friend to my appointment so they can get vaccinated as well?

Only people with vaccine appointments will be vaccinated. The clinic is not able to accept walk-ins.

Can I choose which vaccine I get at my appointment?

We do not know in advance which vaccine you will receive as it depends on the supply that week. The COVID-19 vaccines we're giving out in Ontario have been through rigorous safety checks by Health Canada. You are encouraged to accept the first vaccine you are offered. For more information about the vaccines, please [click here](#).

Where will my appointment be?

There are several vaccine clinics in your area and we do not know which clinic you will be offered an appointment. You will be provided with the exact location once an appointment is available and every endeavour will be made to make it as convenient as possible.

Vaccine Effectiveness

Is the vaccine still effective with the new prolonged time between doses?

The Government of Ontario has extended the acceptable time between doses from up to 35 days later to up to 4 months.

This decision was made based on guidance from Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization. The Committee made this recommendation based on new studies on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as information from countries that have vaccinated more of their populations. Many other provinces have also changed timing for their second doses based on this guidance. Many of our trusted WCH doctors and clinicians have also expressed support for this change.