COVID19 Vaccination – Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will vaccinations be available in Hastings and Prince Edward?

We aren't sure. We are actively engaging with the local health unit, our sector partners and government to ensure that direct support professionals and people receiving supports are included with the second tier of Phase 1 vaccinations after Long Term Care.

2. Do I have to get the vaccination?

Vaccination is voluntary. However, we hope that everyone who can will choose to receive it in order to protect not just themselves, but their loved ones and those they work with. The more who are vaccinated the safer we all are.

3. Is the vaccine okay for me if I have an underlying health condition, or I'm pregnant or breastfeeding?

We encourage everyone to have a conversation with their health care practitioner to decide on the best course of action for you and your health.

4. If everyone is vaccinated, will we need to continue to wear masks/PPE?

Yes. It is expected that until the community reaches herd immunity, everyone will still need to practice good hand hygiene, wear masks, social distance and limit social interaction until herd immunity is reached. We expect public health to inform us as we are leading up to that point.

5. What is the plan for vaccinations at developmental services agencies in HPEC?

While each organization has its own plan, our goal is to be ready with a regional plan so that HPEC

developmental services is vaccinated as a group, as there is significant crossover with employees, and with some day supports.

6. How will the vaccination roll-out impact my job?

This is a unique situation, and we are trying to work out the best possible scenario for everyone involved. While the hope is that everyone chooses to be vaccinated, we know that for some, there may be extenuating circumstances. Each organization is developing its own policies and protocols - please consult your Human Resources department.

- 7. What if vaccinations at my association is by age – how will that impact people who are living together in different age groups? The goal is to vaccinate the entire home, and employees, regardless of age.
- 8. What happens if a person receiving support, who lives in group living, chooses not to be vaccinated? We are still working out those details and each organization will work with employees, families and people receiving supports to ensure everyone is safe.
- 9. Will a person still be able to visit their parents if they aren't vaccinated?

Again, we hope everyone chooses to be vaccinated, including parents of people receiving supports. We are still working out those details and each organization will work with employees, families and people supported to ensure everyone is safe.









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we encourage everyone to discuss the vaccine with their health care practitioner, and by visiting the sites below for accurate and up-to-date information:

Ontario Government Information Page

Nervous about getting needles? This <u>video</u> may help you prepare:

Or visit this Q & A from the Ontario College of Physicians

Want more information about the vaccines available in Canada? Visit these pages

- Pfizer Vaccine
- Moderna

Click <u>here</u> for information on COVID-19 vaccine safety or <u>here</u> for a video on how COVID-19 vaccines have been developed and approved.

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- 4. Empowerment from being proactive about my health
- 5. Comfort from being able to help protect my community
- **6.** Relief that I am helping to protect vulnerable people
- 7. Hope that real life hugs will happen once again
- 8. Resilience to overcome daily challenges that come my way
- Resolve that our global effort will build herd immunity
- **10. Optimism** THAT TOGETHER, WE WILL BEAT COVID-19

Keep Up Healthy Practices!

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https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-safety

Or visit your local developmental services organization for more information on available vaccines and how to prepare for 'the jab.'

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HPEC Focus Group Covid19 Vaccination Plan – PSA Copy

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