



NOSH, NSFHT catchment area update

For those who received their first Pfizer vaccine on Feb. 25/2021, the clinic for the second dose has been postponed. This decision was made by the Ministry of Health, with the goal to get the first dose to a greater population of people. We plan to send out a more in depth explanation early next week. Thank you for your understanding. Two important notes:

- Patients over the age of 75 have been contacted to complete consents – If you are over 75 and have not been contacted, consent forms can be picked up at the Dr's office or the hospital, as well as the North Shore Family Health Team website.
- Indigenous community members can drop off consents at the Dr's office or hospital – identifying at the top that they are part of this priority group. (See above for obtaining a consent)

Once our next vaccine clinic dates are confirmed we will be contacting the following groups to book appointments.

- Over 80
- Indigenous 55+
- High priority health care workers
- Recipients of Chronic Home Care (we are waiting from the LHIN to find out who you are, if you or your loved one receives home care for an issue that will not improve – please contact your Doctor's office)

Future steps

For those waiting to receive the vaccine, the provincial government released the list of priority groups for phase 2 of the vaccine roll-out plan, which begins this April.

For the full list of who will be eligible for phase 2: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario> (under phase 2 listing)

WE are asking that people over 60 complete a consent form and return it to the Dr's office or the hospital. Consent forms can be picked up at either location as well as the North Shore Family Health Team website (<http://www.northshorefamilyhealthteam.ca/covid-19-pandemic/>) Please identify at the top of your consent if you also fall under another phase 2 priority.

If you are under 60 and fall under a priority group listed in phase 2, you are also welcome to complete a consent form as instructed above.

We have not been given any directions on how these different priorities in phase 2 will be prioritized for vaccines. As more information becomes available we will update.