

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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## **ONTARIO EXPANDS FOURTH DOSE ELIGIBILITY**

The Ontario government has announced they are expanding the eligibility for fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 60 and up, as well as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis individuals and their non-indigenous household members ages 18 and up, beginning on April 17th. The fourth dose will provide an extra layer of protection against the Omicron and BA.2 variants. Canada's National Advisory Council on Immunizations (NACI) has recommended a second booster of the COVID-19 vaccine as many areas of Canada have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

The Community Health Program is currently taking calls to register community members for the fourth dose booster, with anticipated vaccinations for early May. Once finalized, vaccination dates will be announced. The fourth dose is eligible for individuals who are five (5) months (140 days) out from receiving their third dose.

To register for your fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

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