# York Region Dedicating Two COVID-19 Immunization Clinics to Residents Aged 45 to 59 in Five York Region Postal Code Areas ("Hot Spots")

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As vaccination efforts continue to expand to more eligible groups, York Region has announced COVID-19 vaccine eligibility for residents age 45 to 59 (born 1962 to 1976) who live in five identified initial high priority communities in York Region, often referred to as "hot spots".

The following five areas include four in the City of Vaughan and one in the city of Markham, in the following postal codes: L4L, L6A, L4K, L4J, and L3S.

This inclusion follows the provincial government identification of priority groups in <a href="Phase 2 of the provincial vaccine plan">Phase 2 of the provincial vaccine plan</a>. These communities are defined as geographical locations with high historic and ongoing rates of transmission, hospitalization and death.

## TO ACCESS THE COVID-19 VACCINE

The booking process for eligible residents will open **Wednesday April 7**, **2021** at **8:30 a.m.** Appointments will be available from **Thursday**, **April 8**, **2021** to **Monday**, **April 12**, **2021**. Eligible residents are encouraged to book their appointments as soon as they are able to.

Visit <u>york.ca/COVID19Vaccine</u> and select one of the following dedicated clinic locations to book an appointment:

- City of Markham Aaniin Community Centre
- City of Vaughan Maple Community Centre

Vaccines are available by appointment only. Do not visit a clinic site without a scheduled appointment or if you do not meet the current eligibility (age requirement and postal code requirement) as you will be turned away.

Please bring the following items to your vaccination appointment:

- Ontario Health Card (OHIP) if you have one
- Photo identification
- Proof of address that you live in York Region

Public Health takes vaccine prioritization seriously. Providing false information may result in cancellation of your appointment.

Expanding York Region's vaccine program into these high priority communities will help control spread, reduce illness and protect against variants of concern. These five initial communities

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are identified in alignment with the provincial guidance, plus using York Region data to consider factors such as prevalence of variant cases, COVID-19 incidence rates, hospitalizations, deaths and an internal equity framework based on the Ontario Marginalization Index.

# REMINDER

Infection, prevention and control measures, including use of appropriate PPE and physical distancing, must continue following vaccination.

# **RESOURCES**

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine program visit <u>york.ca/COVID19</u> and/or the following:

- York Region Public Health resources:
  - o COVID-19 Vaccinations in York Region
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics
  - o Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccine
  - o COVID-19 Vaccines What you need to know
- Province of Ontario resources:
  - o COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario
- Government of Canada resources:
  - o <u>Vaccines for COVID-19</u>: Authorized vaccines

Thank you for your support and participation!

Sincerely,

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