

COVID-19 Vaccination for Community Physicians

Dear OACE Members,

Many of our members do not have hospital affiliations and have not received any communication about COVID-19 vaccine prioritization. We have reached out to the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force expressing our concern. We have been told that the hospitals have guidance over how to administer their vaccine from the province but that is about it. We also contacted the OMA, along with many other concerned community-based physicians, and have been assured they are strongly advocating on our behalf to the Ministry. We have reached out to the Ontario Hospital Association about our concern and are waiting to hear back. The bottom line is that the hospitals are still completing Phase 1, and have not yet started Phase 2, which includes Community Physicians. We will continue to advocate on behalf of our members and will update you as soon as we have more information. In the interim, you may wish to reach out to one of the Vaccine Centres directly to inquire if you can receive the vaccine.

The clinic locations include:

- Grand River Hospital
- Halton Healthcare
- Hamilton Health Sciences
- Humber River Hospital
- Lakeridge Health
- London Health Sciences Centre
- Mackenzie Health
- Michael Garron Hospital
- Ottawa Hospital
- Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
- Scarborough Health Network
- Southlake Regional Health Centre
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (selected to test the travel logistics in Northern Ontario and support the administration of the vaccine to Indigenous and remote communities)
- Trillium Health Partners
- University Health Network in Toronto
- Unity Health Toronto
- William Osler Health System
- Windsor Regional Hospital

Here is a link to the Ministry website with their Vaccine Distribution Plan:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario#about-covid-19-vaccines>

Please do not hesitate to reach out directly if you wish to discuss with us further.



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