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To: All CASLPO Registrants (Please share with CASLPO Colleagues)

Ontario Expanding Booster Eligibility of COVID-19 Vaccines

Starting November 6, 2021, the Government of Ontario expanded eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups of high-risk individuals.

Ontario is offering booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following populations if at least six months have passed since their last dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- Health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers)
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine); and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

Eligible individuals can book their booster dose appointment through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre.

You can also book directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, [select pharmacies](#), and primary care settings.

Hospital-based health care workers are encouraged to reach out to their hospital employer to get vaccinated directly through their hospital's vaccination program.

Over the coming months, Ontario is also prepared to gradually roll out booster doses to all Ontarians aged 12 and over.

For more information, [read the full news release](#).

As COVID-19 evolves, the provincial and federal government continue to update their resources.

We encourage you to regularly review the websites of the [Ministry of Health](#) and [Public Health Ontario](#) (PHO) for the most accurate, up-to-date information. Additionally, please continue to re-visit CASLPO's website, [COVID-19 Information](#) pages.

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Stay Safe. Stay Healthy!

Brian O'Riordan
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