
Media Release



Timiskaming Health Unit reaches COVID-19 vaccination milestones September 17, 2021 - For immediate release

The Timiskaming Health Unit is pleased to share that we have reached the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine milestone of achieving 80% first dose and 75% second dose coverage for residents 12 years of age and over (including those turning 12 before the end of 2021). We would like to thank those individuals who have rolled up their sleeve to get vaccinated. Getting the vaccine protects individuals, as well as others who are vulnerable to COVID-19, including children who are too young to get the shot.

"This milestone means thousands of people in our district have been protected against COVID-19 with first and second doses as we work together to protect one another from this deadly virus. However, with the Delta COVID-19 variant surging in Ontario and circulating in Northern Ontario, there is much more to do," said Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO of the Timiskaming Health Unit. "The variant spreads more easily and causes more serious disease in all age groups, not just older adults. It is now estimated in order to achieve herd immunity against the Delta COVID-19 variant, we need to reach a new target of 90% of individuals fully vaccinated."

The benefits of approved COVID-19 vaccines continue to vastly outweigh any potential risks, and have proven reductions in serious illness, hospitalizations, and death. Getting vaccinated is a critical part of our path back to normal and will help to keep our schools and businesses safe and open.

Get vaccinated by visiting one of our walk-in clinics, or book an appointment by calling the Health Unit or select pharmacies. For a walk-in clinic schedule, visit our health unit website. If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines, please call the Health Unit at 866-747-4305, Ext. 6, talk to your health care provider, email covidvaccine@timiskaminghu.com, or visit our website for accurate information.

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