



Monday, June 7, 2021

It's finally time! We have received word that we are getting a small shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Generations Family Health Centre. We are thrilled to be able to start offering vaccinations (1st and 2nd doses) to our patients in the comfort of our office.

We will only be receiving a small batch of 50 doses initially, so please be aware that supplies will be limited. However if all goes according to plan we are hopeful that we will be able to continue to offer COVID vaccines going forward as well.

To be eligible for a Moderna vaccine you must meet the criteria below:

1st dose vaccine

- Any patient 18 years old or older

2nd dose vaccine

- **Moderna = both doses (*received one dose of Moderna already*)**
 - Full vaccination with Moderna requires two doses at least 28 days apart, although many Ontarians are being asked to wait a somewhat longer time before becoming eligible for a second shot
 - **The CURRENT criteria in Ontario for 2nd dose eligibility includes patients who received their first Moderna dose (at least 28 days ago) AND:**
 - **Age 70+ in 2021 (Born in 1951 or earlier)**
 - **Anyone vaccinated with their first dose (Moderna) before April 18**
 - Additionally, the following groups are eligible for shortened second dose intervals:
 - High-risk healthcare workers (see [here](#) for provincial list of high-risk criteria)
 - Individuals on dialysis, solid organ transplant recipient, or receiving active cancer therapy
 - First Nations, Inuit and Metis individuals
- **AstraZeneca (AZ) = first dose**
 - Any individuals who received AstraZeneca as a first dose at least 12 weeks ago (March 15 or earlier) are eligible to receive an mRNA vaccine (such as Moderna) for their second shot instead of AZ, should they so choose
 - For those who received AZ first, the decision whether to continue with AZ for #2 or to get an mRNA vaccine instead is an entirely personal one, based on individual risks and preferences. While the evidence for the relative risks and benefits of both options continue to evolve, what remains clear is that the personal and collective benefits of getting fully vaccinated with two shots are critical and considerable.

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As of Tuesday morning, we will be accepting vaccine bookings for:

- **Wednesday June 9 (9:00am start)**
- **Monday June 14 (1:00pm start)**

These will be appointment-only time slots.

We will be accepting vaccine appointments for those who meet eligibility criteria via our [online booking system](#) or by calling the office (416-847-9999).

Vaccine appointments will be carefully scheduled to ensure no vaccine wastage as well as to allow for adequate distancing in our office. We will be keeping a wait-list on hand as well.

As most of us are already well aware, COVID vaccine eligibility can change quickly. While we wish that we were able to offer vaccinations to ALL of our patients as soon as possible, please note that we will be strictly abiding by the most up-to-date eligibility criteria-- no exceptions.

We hope this initial clinic runs smoothly and that we will continue to be able to offer this for more of our patients moving forward!

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