COVID-19 Vaccination Appropriate Immediately After COVID-19 Infection Resolves

Update to York Region health care providers as of January 17, 2022

Recent media reports and comments from Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Moore have raised questions about how soon an individual should receive a COVID-19 vaccination following COVID-19 infection.

The [Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#) guidance document recommends that a child or adult can safely receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they have recovered from a COVID-19 infection. As long as symptoms of the illness have resolved and the eligible patient is no longer under active investigation or isolation, they can receive a first, second, third or booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Some experts believe that waiting 30 days following infection may provide longer lasting protection. However, vaccinating sooner provides earlier protection against reinfection while Omicron variant transmission remains high in the community.

Immediate vaccination after symptoms resolve or waiting 30 days are both safe and effective options. Having prolonged COVID-19 symptoms (sometimes called Long COVID or Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome) is not a contraindication to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

When discussing with your patients, please assess the potential benefits of waiting 30 days after infection for vaccination against the risk of re-infection while immunized with one or two doses, based on the patient's risk of exposure and level of COVID-19 transmission present in their community.

As a reminder, please recommend delaying vaccination if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms or are suspected to have COVID-19. In addition, those 12 years of age or older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as, or any time before or after, any other vaccines. There is no need to delay COVID-19 vaccination or to wait to receive any other vaccine.

Contact York Region Public Health

If you have any questions, call our dedicated health care professional line at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) or visit york.ca/healthprofessionals. For the latest information on COVID-19 in York Region, please visit york.ca/COVID19.

For questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine ordering please contact our Vaccine Inventory Program at COVID19vaccine@york.ca or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 50174.

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