

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** **Booster Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine**

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The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is expanding eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to address groups of high-risk individuals, effective **November 6, 2021**.

Based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization's recent recommendation, the province will begin offering booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following vulnerable 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.

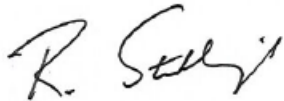
For clarity, health care workers eligible for booster doses include **police and special constables providing medical first response as part of their regular duties**. Booster doses are being offered to these groups based on evidence of gradual waning immunity six months after receiving their second dose and a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

As of November 6, eligible individuals are able to book their booster dose appointment through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, [select pharmacies](#), and primary care settings.

For further information, please see the November 3, 2021 News Release from the Ministry of Health at the following [link](#). In addition, the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations can be accessed at the following [link](#).

I want to thank you and your members for their patience as this next phase in vaccine rollout evolves and as local public health units administer vaccinations to those eligible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.  
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