

## Second dose appointments now available for 70+

Appointments for a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine are now available in York Region for those born in 1951 or earlier.

As of Wednesday, June 2, eligible York Region residents can now register for an appointment at the Region's portal at [York.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine).

Previously booked second dose appointments will be honoured and will not be cancelled unless new or earlier appointment is confirmed, said the Region.

As of Wednesday, June 2, 754,837 York Region residents had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

While the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is very effective at preventing COVID-19 infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death, a second dose is still required to provide optimal and longer-lasting protection, said York Region Public Health.

It remains critically important for all those who have not received a first dose to get one. Individuals who are 12 years of age and older who live, work or go to school in York Region who have not yet received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to do so.

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