

Vaccination expansion continues as Aurora's active cases dip into single digits

York Region Public Health continues its expansion of second dose eligibility as numbers of new cases of COVID-19 decline Province-wide.

On Monday, June 14, individuals who received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on or before May 9 became eligible to book an earlier second dose through the Region's booking portal at York.ca/COVID19Vaccine or at participating pharmacies.

Previously booked second-dose appointments will be honoured and will not be cancelled unless a new and earlier appointment is confirmed.

In addition to those who received their shots on or before May 9, all York Region residents born in or before 1951 are also eligible for a second dose. First dose appointments continue to be offered to individuals aged 12+ who live, work or go to school in York Region.

?It remains critically important for all those who have not received a first dose to get one,? said Patrick Casey, Director of Corporate Communications for the Region of York.

In recent days, the number of new cases of COVID-19 across Ontario have been in a sharp decline. 296 new cases were reported in Ontario on June 15, the lowest this figure has been since September 17. Here in Aurora, the number of active cases continues to decline as well.

As of Tuesday, June 15, the community had seen a total of 1,833 cases of the virus, with 4 cases remaining active. There have been 48 fatalities.

Of the 4 active cases, all are related to local transmission, close contact, or unknown transmission.

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