

RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

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Pre-registration for COVID-19 Vaccinations Expands to Include Certain At-Risk Health Conditions

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is announcing that **pre-registration** for COVID-19 vaccinations is expanding to include residents with certain at-risk health conditions.

Eligible people who can pre-register only at this time (cannot book an appointment yet) include:

- A) Residents in the general population born between 1957 and 1961 (60 to 64 years of age).**
- B) Residents with at-risk health conditions including:** pregnancy, immune deficiencies/autoimmune disorders, stroke/cerebrovascular disease, dementia, diabetes, liver disease, all other cancers, respiratory diseases (e.g., COPD and asthma), spleen problems (e.g., asplenia), heart disease, hypertension with end organ damage, diagnosis of mental disorder, substance use disorders, sickle cell disease, thalassemia, immunocompromising health conditions, other disabilities requiring direct support care in the community. **Please note that proof of illness is not required.**

Pre-register only, means that **you cannot book appointments at this time**. This ensures that residents are readily available should RCDHU receive extra vaccine, and so that staff can plan and prepare for upcoming vaccination clinics. Residents on the **pre-registration list** may receive calls offering vaccination if extra doses are available at clinics.

We are asking residents to please register online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. Only if a person is unable to register online, they can call RCDHU at 613-735-9724 or 1-800-267-1097, Ext. 200. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

People should contact their primary care provider if they have questions about their eligibility and/or personal health status before they receive the vaccine. Alternatively, those without a primary care provider can contact the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC) (1-844-727-6404) to consult with a family physician.

For a full list of those who currently eligible to book appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations and all other inquiries regarding COVID-19 and vaccine rollout, residents should visit [RCDHU's](#)

[website](#). For details specific to vaccination registration and appointments (i.e., what you need to bring), visit the [COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Checklist](#).

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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