



Media Release

June 2, 2021

Booking Your Vaccine Appointment – Update from the Ministry

The [Provincial Booking System](#) should be used for most first and second dose vaccine appointments. This includes those 12 and older to get their first dose and individuals 80 and older to book an earlier than originally scheduled second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

[The Local Booking](#) system will continue to be used for specialized clinics. These focused clinics include (but are not limited to):

- Clinics for [Immunocompromised clients and their essential caregivers](#)
- Clinics for [Pregnant individuals](#)
- Focused Workplace Clinics
 - Healthcare Workers
 - Education and Childcare
 - First Responders
 - Other High Risk Groups
- Second Dose Clinics for those eligible for the shortened interval
 - [High Risk Healthcare workers](#)

Second Doses

The [Accelerated Rollout of Second Shots](#) enables people over the age of 80 to book their second dose of vaccine through the provincial booking system prior to the original 16-week interval.

- Those over 80 who made their first appointment using the Provincial Booking systems should review their confirmation email from the Province and log onto the Provincial website and attempt to book an earlier clinic. Those without access to email can call the provincial booking line at 1-888-999-6488 for assistance.
- Those over 80 who made their first appointment using the local booking system can now book a second dose appointment through the provincial booking system but must remain within the original 16 week interval. ^[KC1] Those without access to email can call the provincial booking line at 1-888-999-6488 for assistance.

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- Those over the age of 80 that received their vaccine through their Primary Care Provider, their second dose clinics are already booked in June and July. The primary care provider will contact to confirm the date and time of the appointment. We do not recommend cancelling these appointments.
- The province provided a proposed timeline for further age group's eligibility to book their second dose:
 - **Current:** individuals aged 80+
 - **Week of June 14:** individuals aged 70+
 - **Week of June 28:** individuals who received their first dose between March 8 to April 18.
 - **Week of July 19:** individuals who received their first dose between the week of April 19 to May 9.
 - **Week of August 2:** individuals who received their first dose between the week of May 10 to May 30.
 - **Week of August 9 to 16:** individuals aged 12 to 25
 - **Week of August 9:** individuals who received their first dose from the week of May 31 onwards.

Youth and Second Doses

Those ages 12-25 are eligible to book a shortened interval of 8 weeks. Those who have already received their first dose of the vaccine, can review the confirmation email from the Province and log in to the Provincial website to book into the 8 week timeframe. If you do not have access to email, you can call the provincial booking line at 1-888-999-6488 for assistance. A revised booking must be made, otherwise the automatically booked second appointment will remain at 16 weeks.

The goal of this shortened interval for this age group is to ensure they will have both vaccines prior to the start of school, college and university.

Those that received their vaccine through the local booking system, will also be able to book your second dose through the provincial system.

Please note: There may not be any available appointments immediately. More clinics will be added each week. As we receive more vaccine, more clinics will be added.

Pharmacies are providing the vaccine with the same intervals. An interactive map is available at: [Find a Clinic \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

For Information on vaccines in Grey and Bruce, please visit:

[COVID-19 Vaccines \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

[Book Vaccine Appointment \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

[About the Provincial Booking System \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

[Local Booking System](#)

[Clinics for Immunocompromised and Pregnant People \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)

[About Second Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine App \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](#)

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Summer Gatherings in Step Two

Ontario moving to [Step Two](#), effective June 30, 2021, means Grey Bruce residents will be able to gather in greater numbers outdoors, as well as resume indoor gatherings. This includes events for Canada Day, as appropriate.

Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events are permitted to a limit of up to 25 people. Social distancing is still required.

Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people will be permitted, with restrictions in place. However, it is critical that everyone understand the risks of gathering with others in enclosed indoor spaces so they can mitigate the risk and make informed decisions.

It should also be noted that outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals and outdoor concert venues, theatres and cinemas may open in Step Two if they comply with the appropriate restrictions. [O. Reg. 263/20: Rules for Areas in Step 2](#) outlines more information.

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Monday June 28

Julie McArthur Hub Clinic in Owen Sound through the Provincial Booking System

This week: Certain Primary Care Clinics for people 80 years of age and older - second dose. Primary Care will contact you.

This week: Clinics for priority populations and congregate settings.

Tuesday June 29

Julie McArthur Hub Clinic in Owen Sound through the Local Booking System for people who are immunocompromised or pregnant

Julie McArthur Hub Clinic in Owen Sound through the Provincial Booking System

NEW! DROP IN CLINIC for 18+ at Julie McArthur Hub in Owen Sound from 4:30-6:30. No Appointments Necessary

Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Local Booking System

Wednesday June 30

P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System

NEW! DROP IN CLINIC for 18+ at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 4:30-6:30. No Appointments Necessary

Thursday July 1

NEW! DRIVE IN CLINIC by appointment at the Grey Bruce Health Unit in local booking system

Friday July 2

P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System

P&H Centre Youth Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System - for youth aged 12-17.

NEW! P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Local Booking System

Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Provincial Booking System

First Nation Community
• Saugeen First Nations

Saturday July 3

NEW! P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System

NEW! Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Local Booking System

Sunday July 4



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Appointments can be made through the [Local Booking System](#).

A youth-only, ages 12 – 17 years, COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic is scheduled for Friday, July 2, at the P&H Centre in Hanover. The clinic runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Vaccines are by appointment only and can be made on the [Provincial Booking System](#), but only individuals 12-17 years can book into this clinic. This is a first dose vaccine clinic. Youth are eligible to get their second dose 56 days after their first dose.

Also on Friday, July 2, there are Hockey Hub mass vaccine clinics at both the P&H Centre in Hanover and the Davidson Centre in Kincardine from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Appointments for the Hanover clinic can be made through either the [Provincial Booking System](#) or the [Local Booking System](#). Appointments for the Kincardine clinic can be made through the [Provincial Booking System](#). Both these clinics will offer first, and to those eligible, second dose vaccines.

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Working Together with Saugeen First Nation to Fight COVID-19

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has been working together with Saugeen First Nation Chief Lester Anoquot and Band Council to address the COVID-19 outbreak in the community.

On Wednesday, June 30, Saugeen First Nation Chief and Band Council declared a State of Emergency in response to the emerging COVID-19 crisis.

Measures undertaken by the Chief and Band Council to control the spread of COVID-19 include full closure of all band services and businesses for a two week period and a full closure of **ALL SAUGEEN FIRST NATION SERVICES AND BUSINESSES** beginning Friday, July 2 at 12:00 noon.

The Chief and Band Council will re-assess at the end of the two week period (Thursday, July 15) and determine if the closure of Saugeen First Nation services and businesses can be lifted or if it will be extended.

Band residents are being asked to stay at home for the two week closure and avoid gatherings of any kind. Facilities are being made available for those without a permanent residence.

In response to the State of Emergency, Saugeen First Nation Chief and Band Council directed the Saugeen First Nation COVID Crisis Team to work directly with Grey Bruce Health Unit and other medical experts to determine necessary next steps to ensure control of COVID-19 within and outside of our community.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has no jurisdiction within the community but works in collaboration with the Saugeen First Nation COVID Crisis Team and community health services through permission of the Chief and Band Council. This work includes a multipronged approach of supporting the community health team through deploying staff to conduct COVID-19 testing, case and contact management, providing information and education on isolation to cases and contacts, supporting with IPAC – Infection

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Prevention and Control, supporting vaccine clinics and mass vaccination, and providing information on vaccine safety and effectiveness.

“The Grey Bruce Health Unit team is proud that the Chief Anokut and Band Council have offered us the opportunity to collaborate, and we are honoured for their confidence in us as a partner.” said Dr. Ian Arra. “We are confident that under the leadership of the Chief and Band Council, and with our shared commitment to health, our teams will be successful in bringing under control the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the community.”

We thank all agencies, partners and individuals for their support in testing, vaccines and other contributions to assist.

Saugeen First Nation is an Indigenous community governed by the Chief and Band Council. Health services in the community operate under the direction from the Chief and Band Council. Communication on details regarding the fight against COVID-19 within the Saugeen First Nation community is most appropriate coming directly from [Chief Anokut and Band Council](#) or with their approval.

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Schedule subject to change based on vaccine availability.

Monday July 5	Tuesday July 6	Wednesday July 7	Thursday July 8	Friday July 9	Saturday July 10	Sunday July 11
<p>P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System</p> <p>DROP IN CLINIC at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8am - 6pm. No appointment necessary</p> <p>This week: Certain Primary Care Clinics for people 80 years of age Primary Care will contact you.</p> <p>This week: Clinics for priority populations.</p>	<p>P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System</p> <p>DROP IN CLINIC at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8am - 6pm. No appointment necessary</p> <p>Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Local Booking System</p> <p>DROP IN CLINIC at Davidson Centre Hub in Kincardine from 8:30am - 6:30pm. No appointment necessary</p>	<p>P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System</p> <p>P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Local Booking System</p> <p>Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Local Booking System</p>	<p>P&H Centre Hub Clinic in Hanover through the Provincial Booking System</p> <p>DROP IN CLINIC at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8am - 6pm. No appointment necessary</p> <p>OSDSS Hub Clinic in Owen Sound through the Local Booking System</p>	<p>Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine through the Provincial Booking System</p> <p>DROP IN: Davidson Centre Hub Clinic in Kincardine from 8am - 4pm. No appointment necessary</p> <p>OSDSS Hub Clinic in Owen Sound through the Local Booking System</p>		

Please note that additional drop in opportunities will be added as supply allows.



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Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics This Week

The Grey Bruce is expanding existing clinics and adding new clinics. Clinics have a walk-in feature but vaccine for walk-ins is only available on a limited basis. Booking an appointment, through either the [Provincial Booking System](#) or [Local Booking System](#), will ensure a vaccine is available.

Tuesday, July 6

There is a drop-in clinic at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 6. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on the [Provincial Booking System](#).

There is a drop-in clinic at Davidson Centre Hub in Kincardine from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm Tuesday, July 6. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on the [Local Booking System](#).

Wednesday, July 7

There is a drop-in clinic at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Wednesday, July 7. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on both the [Local Booking System](#) and on the [Provincial Booking System](#).

There is a drop-in clinic at Davidson Centre Hub in Kincardine from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm Wednesday, July 7. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on the [Local Booking System](#).

Thursday, July 8

There is a drop-in clinic at P&H Centre Hub in Hanover from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Thursday, July 8. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on the [Provincial Booking System](#).

There is a drop-in clinic at Owen Sound District Secondary School in Owen Sound from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm Thursday, July 8. Limited walk-ins are available but appointments for this clinic can be made on the [Local Booking System](#).

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Friday, July 9

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Clinics next week include:

July 12 - Hanover and Owen Sound

July 13 - Hanover and Owen Sound

July 14 - Hanover and Kincardine

July 15 - Hanover and Owen Sound

July 16 - Hanover and Kincardine

Appointments for these clinics can be made through the Provincial Booking System. Making a booking assures that a vaccine is available for you.

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Grey Bruce residents celebrated Canada Day with a COVID-19 drive-through vaccination clinic!

Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker helped to promote the clinic by being among the first residents receiving a COVID-19 vaccine at a drive-through clinic held Thursday, July 1, Canada Day, in the parking lot of the Grey Bruce Health Unit. Grey Bruce Top Doctor Ian Arra volunteered at this and other clinics to encourage local health care providers to do the same. Mr. Walker's vaccine was administered by Dr Arra.

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Owen Sound COVID-19 Immunization Clinic Relocating to Owen Sound District Secondary School

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is relocating the Owen Sound Hockey Hub mass immunization clinic to Owen Sound District Secondary School, 750 9th St. W., Owen Sound. This move is effective Thursday, July 8, 2021.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit thanks the Bluewater District School Board and Bruce Power for ensuring a seamless move with minimal effect on vaccine rollout in Grey Bruce.

"We are pleased to support our partners at the Grey Bruce Health Unit in their efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by enabling the use of Owen Sound District Secondary School this summer for a mass immunization clinic," says Director of Education Lori Wilder. "We look forward to opening its doors to our community to offer vaccines at this critical time."

We thank the City of Owen Sound for use of the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre and Bluewater District School Board for making available Owen Sound District Secondary School.

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Precautionary Advice Related to Taxi Services

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has seen an increase in potential COVID-19 exposures linked to taxi services in the Owen Sound and surrounding region. Grey Bruce Health Unit advises patrons of all taxi services to take appropriate precautions.

1. Sit in the back seat
2. Wear a mask and ask the driver to do the same
3. Open the windows to increase air circulation

It is advised that anyone who has used taxi services in the past two weeks to self-monitor and, if they have symptoms, to isolate and seek testing immediately.

Grey Bruce Health Unit is reiterating this precautionary advice to ensure the safety of the residents of Grey and Bruce Counties. We remind everyone of the importance of vaccination against covid-19. Vaccination is our way out of this pandemic.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the Grey Bruce Health Unit website at www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca.

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Mass Immunization Targets for Completion in July – Re-Book Your Vaccination Sooner

The mass immunization campaign in Grey Bruce is being accelerated, targeting to be completed in July. This is due to the increased vaccine supply coming to Grey Bruce and the decreased interval time between vaccines, 28 days as per the provincial direction. As a result mass immunization clinics (Hubs) and second vaccine appointments scheduled in August and September are no longer necessary. The Grey Bruce Health Unit asks everyone who has a second dose vaccine appointment after July 16 to cancel that appointment and re-book to an earlier clinic.

Please access the Provincial Booking system [How to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment \(ontario.ca\)](#) to book into **the earliest appointment available 28 days after your first injection.**

There are clinics in Grey Bruce every day, Monday to Friday. These clinics have a limited walk-in capacity, but making an appointment will ensure there will be vaccine for you.

The front-line defence against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Check the [Grey Bruce Health Unit website](#) for vaccine clinic times and locations near you. Be safe; get the vax!

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Grey Bruce Designated Delta Variant Hot Spot

As the Delta variant cases have increased in Grey Bruce, the region has been designated as a Delta variant hot spot by the province. Ten other public health units have previously been identified as hot spots, these include Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Peel, Porcupine, Simcoe-Muskoka, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph and York.

First identified as present in Grey Bruce in early June, the Delta variant, B.1.617.2, is considered a variant of concern as it is more transmissible. Cases are widespread throughout Grey Bruce. The increased risk of transmission requires everyone exercise diligence in reducing the spread of the virus.

Data clearly indicates that areas with high vaccination rates are unlikely to see major surges in hospitalization rates from Delta. Case rates are higher among young adults who have low vaccination rates. Vaccination should provide a good protection against Delta.

As most cases of COVID-19 are identified in unvaccinated individuals, the presence of the more highly transmittable Delta variant highlights the importance of everyone receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit continues to conduct robust case and contact tracing and workplace investigations. We are working with partners to ensure successful isolation of cases and with the roll out larger numbers of vaccines through a variety of methods.

Washing hands frequently, watching distance (ideally 6ft), and correctly wearing a face covering protects against all forms of the COVID-19 virus including the Delta variant. Vaccine is the best long-term defense. Both first and two-dose vaccinations are effective in reducing the hospitalization rates from the Delta Variant. Everyone who is eligible is encouraged to get fully vaccinated. People who have recovered from Covid-19 still need to be vaccinated to fend off new variants such as Delta.

There are mass vaccine clinics in Grey Bruce every day, Monday to Friday and pop-up and mobile clinics planned for the weekend. The mass clinics have a limited walk-in capacity, but making an appointment will ensure there will be vaccine for you. Please visit the [Grey Bruce Health Unit](https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) website for clinic locations and times.

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Media Release

July 8, 2021

Pop Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at The Plex

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is holding a pop-up drive-through (or walk-in) vaccine clinic, Friday, July 9, at The Plex, 600 Tomlinson Dr., Port Elgin. The clinic will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parking lot.

As the Delta variant cases have increased in Grey Bruce, the region has been designated as a Delta variant hot spot. Recent literature shows that the Delta variant is barely sensitive to one dose of vaccine but a second dose significantly boosts the sensitivity and vaccine effectiveness.

Data clearly indicates that areas with high vaccination rates are unlikely to see major surges in hospitalization rates from Delta. Case rates are higher among young adults who have low vaccination rates. Vaccination should provide a good protection against Delta. Most cases are in unvaccinated individuals.

Washing hands frequently, watching distance (ideally 6ft), and correctly wearing a face covering protects against all forms of the COVID-19 virus including the Delta variant. Vaccine is the best long-term defense. Everyone who is eligible is encouraged to get fully vaccinated.

In addition to pop-up clinics, there are scheduled vaccine clinics in Grey Bruce every day, Monday to Friday. These mass clinics have a limited walk-in capacity, but making an appointment will ensure there will be vaccine for you. Please visit the [Grey Bruce Health Unit](https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) website for clinic locations and times.

Be safe; get the vax!

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July 11, 2021

Community Outbreak Declared Related to Field Party Near Chesley

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is investigating multiple cases linked to a *field party* near Chesley on July 3rd, 2021. It is believed there were approximately 25 people in attendance, all of which were older teenagers and young adults.

We are aware of several attendees from different municipalities across Grey and Bruce. Currently, there are 5 confirmed cases linked to the declared outbreak. Anyone who attended this gathering is considered a high-risk contact and should isolate and be tested immediately. Isolation requirements for attendees are enforceable under the Class Order signed by the Medical Officer of Health Dr. Arra on April 16, 2021.

As a reminder to the public, if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please go to your nearest assessment centre for testing.

We are urging the public for the safety of the community to avoid attending events or family/social gatherings indoor or outdoor if:

1. You or anyone in your household have symptoms OR
2. You or someone in your household is awaiting test results OR
3. You Suspect you have been exposed or in contact with someone who has COVID-19

It is essential to be vaccinated as soon as possible to reach a herd immunity that protects all of us and to break the chain of virus transmission. With your help we can move towards recovery.

Be safe; get the facts and get the vax!

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COVID-19 in Grey Bruce – Get the Vax or Get the Virus

The current increase of cases in Grey Bruce is associated with people who are unvaccinated participating in two main activities where public health recommendations are not followed.

The first is private gatherings such as birthday parties particularly where some parents allowed young children to attend and mingle with others while sick with symptoms.

The second is purchasing substance from, and using substance with, others who are infected with COVID-19. Although this transmission was originally people who have challenges with housing, we are now seeing this taking place with people using substance, regardless of housing challenges.

Public health continues to conduct robust and timely case-contact management. Vaccine rollout is maximized through multiple delivery methods including daily clinics, both walk-in and by appointment. There are also walk-in, pop-up and drive-through clinics with our partners including EMS, primary care, and pharmacy. Visit our website [Clinic Schedule](#) for dates and times.

We are asking the public to help us achieve the target of getting the majority of people in Grey Bruce fully vaccinated by the end of July. This would significantly reduce the threat from COVID-19. It is our only way out to recover from this pandemic.

Get the vax or get the virus! Remember, the vaccine takes two weeks to become fully effective.

“With the surge of Delta cases, there is nothing more important for every one of us in Grey Bruce this month than to ensure we get the two doses of vaccine as soon as possible” Said Grey Bruce Top Doctor, Dr. Ian Arra “Investing 30 minutes before the end of July to get the vaccine is our duty to protect ourselves, our families, and our community.”

We have capacity and vaccine support, and we are on a good path to complete the mass immunization campaign in July. This will most likely enable us to dismantle the hub clinics and make that resource available for other communities in need of mass immunization.

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As such, there is no practical value for keeping any of the 2nd dose appointments that are currently scheduled in the Hubs after August 1, 2021. It is in their best interest for anyone with an appointment for 2nd dose scheduled after August 1st, to secure an appointment in the first available clinic, 28 days after their first injection. Selecting an earlier booking date automatically cancels the original later appointment. There are many available options for appointment times and locations in July; check our website at [Clinic Schedule](#). Check the.

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Additionally, avoid crowds and arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible.

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WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULE IN GREY BRUCE

for the week of July 12, 2021

Schedule subject to change based on vaccine availability.

Monday July 12

**DROP-IN CLINIC P&H
Centre in Hanover.**

8:30am - 6:30pm
No appointment necessary or
appointments through the
[Provincial Booking System](#)

**DROP-IN CLINIC OSDSS in
Owen Sound.**

8:30am - 6:30pm
No appointment necessary
or appointments through the
[Provincial Booking System](#)

**Blue Mountains
Community Health Centre**

5:00pm - 8:00pm
Book your appointment at
www.tbmvaccines.ca

Tuesday July 13

**DROP-IN CLINIC P&H
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8:30am - 6:30pm
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**DROP-IN CLINIC Meaford &
St-Vincent Community
Centre** 10:00am - 2:00pm No
appointment required

Wednesday July 14

**DROP-IN CLINIC P&H
Centre in Hanover.**

8:30am - 6:30pm
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or appointments through the
[Provincial Booking System](#)

**DROP-IN CLINIC Davidson
Centre Hub in Kincardine.**

8:30am - 6:30pm
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Thursday July 15

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**DROP-IN CLINIC OSDSS in
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**DROP-IN CLINIC Beaver
Valley Community Centre**

10:00am - 2:00pm
No appointment necessary
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Friday July 16

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Saturday July 17

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10:00am - 2:00pm
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Sunday July 18

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Please note that drop-in opportunities may be limited at some clinics . Check social media for updates.



Volunteer at Hockey Hub or get vaccinated for chance to golf with NHL Hall of Famer Doug Gilmour

TIVERTON, ON – July 9, 2021 – The Grey Bruce Health Unit and Bruce Power are sending three lucky people to Cobble Beach Golf Resort for a round with Doug Gilmour, NHL Hall of Famer and Toronto Maple Leafs legend.

All it takes to enter the draw is to volunteer or receive a first or second dose at vaccination centres in Kincardine (Davidson Centre), Owen Sound (Owen Sound District Secondary School), and Hanover (P&H Centre), or community pop-up clinics, from July 12-31. Entry details will be available upon sign-in at the vaccination centres.

“The response of residents in Grey/Bruce to both get vaccinated and volunteer at our Hockey Hubs has so far been excellent, but we can’t let up yet,” said Dr. Ian Arra, Medical Officer of Health for the GBHU. “Case numbers continue to be concerning due to the Delta variant. We need more people getting their first and second doses as soon as possible. Vaccination is the key to defeating this pandemic.”

Pat Dalzell, Bruce Power’s Head of Corporate Affairs, hopes the chance to play golf with an NHL legend will keep vaccination centres busy this month.

“The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer, but we still have work to do to get there,” Scongack said, “We hope residents continue to volunteer in high numbers at local vaccination centres and pop-up clinics, and we urge everyone who is eligible for a vaccine to take these opportunities as soon as possible.”

Gilmour entered the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2011 with 1,414 points (450 goals, 964 assists) in 1,474 career games with St. Louis, Calgary, Toronto, New Jersey, Chicago, Buffalo, and Montreal.

About Bruce Power

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Media Release

July 9, 2021

Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Week of July 12

The Grey Bruce is expanding existing clinics and adding new clinics. Most clinics have a walk-in feature but vaccine for walk-ins is only available on a limited basis. Booking an appointment will ensure a vaccine is available.

Monday, July 12

DROP-IN CLINIC at P&H Centre in Hanover. 8:30am - 6:30pm. No appointment necessary or appointments through the [Provincial Booking System](#)

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Blue Mountains Community Health Centre in Thornbury. 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Book your appointment at www.tbmvaccines.ca

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Sunday, July 18

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Making a booking assures that a vaccine is available for you.

In response to increased supplies of COVID-19 vaccine, the Grey Bruce is expanding existing clinics and adding new clinics. New pop-up clinics and last minute clinics will be added as resources permit. Being fully vaccinated is the best defense against COVID-19. The goal is to have everyone in Grey Bruce vaccinated by the end of July.

Attachment: Weekly Vaccine Schedule July 12

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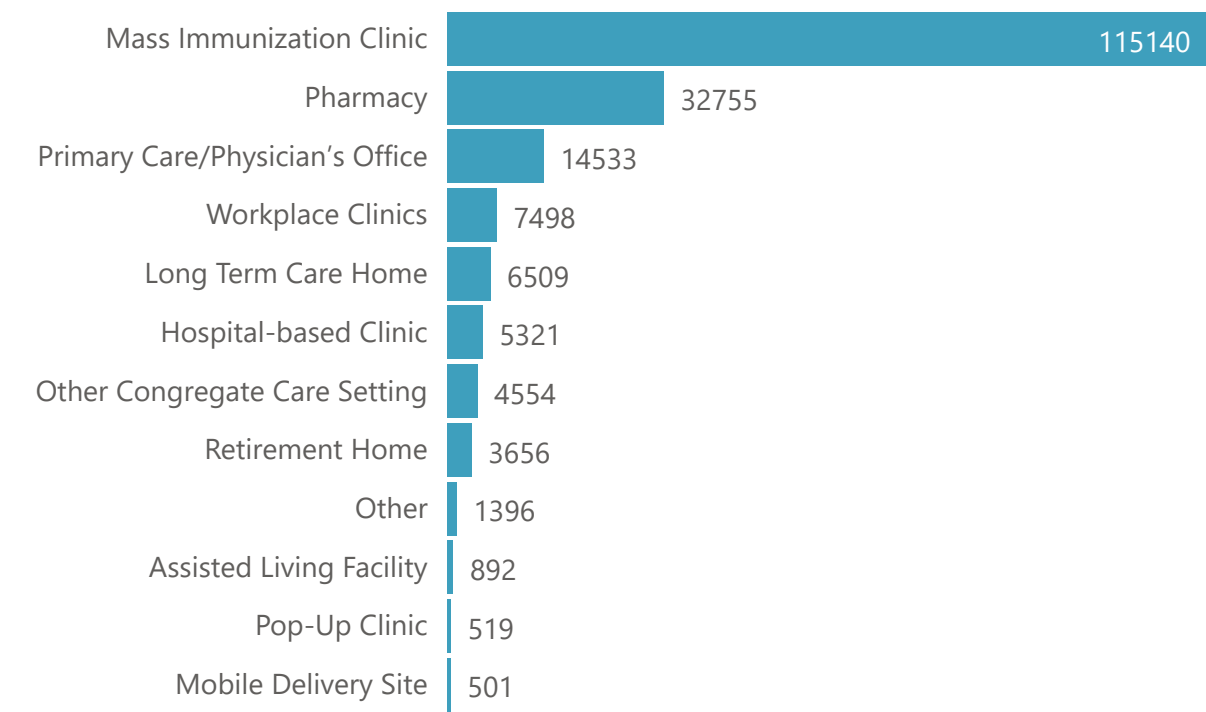
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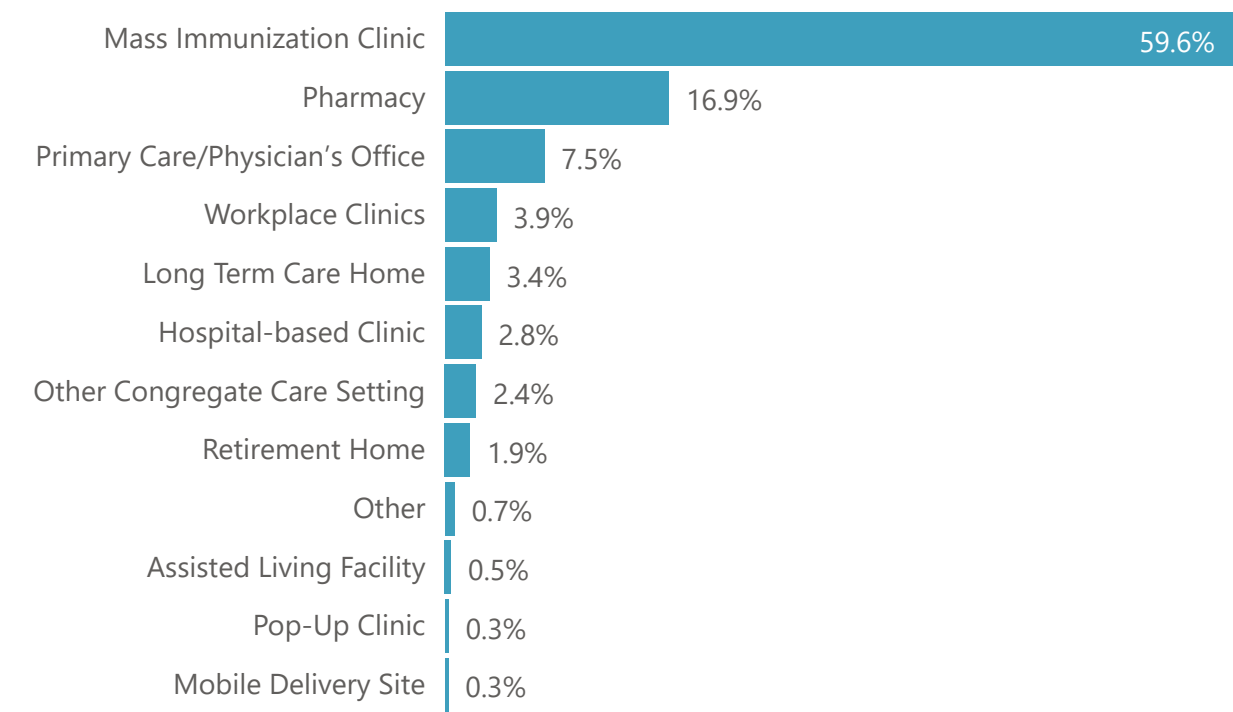
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Number of COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered in Grey Bruce by Type of Vaccine Clinic



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Media Release

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Barriers to Booking Resolved - Second Dose Vaccine Push in Grey Bruce

Barriers to booking appointments have been resolved.

There are about 27,000 people in Grey Bruce still needing their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. They are encouraged to get that vaccine as soon as possible. Remember you must wait 28 days after your first dose.

Vaccine is available through daily clinics across Grey Bruce, both walk-in and by appointment. There are also walk-in, pop-up and drive-through clinics being scheduled with our partners including EMS, primary care, and pharmacy. Visit our website [Clinic Schedule](#) for dates and times and to book an appointment. Participating pharmacies and primary care also have vaccine available.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is pulling out all the stops to get everyone vaccinated before the end of July. Having everyone vaccinated would make Grey Bruce one of the first jurisdictions to achieve herd immunity and stall any further spread of the virus. It is our only way out to recover from this pandemic.

Get the vax or get the virus! Remember, the vaccine takes two weeks to become fully effective.

"We are encouraging anyone who may have a second vaccine appointment for a later date to step up and get the vaccine as soon as they can" Said Grey Bruce Top Doctor, Dr. Ian Arra. "We have the vaccine available and the clinics to deliver. With everyone's participation, we can complete the mass immunization campaign by the end of July."

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Attachment: Table - Vaccines Delivered in Grey Bruce

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COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with Bobi's Play School

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with Bobi's Play School to address an outbreak of COVID-19 associated with the daycare, located in Meaford. Two confirmed cases have been identified with this outbreak.

An outbreak is declared when there is evidence of transmission from one person to another person within the childcare setting. Staff and management of the daycare are working in collaboration with public health to ensure the safety of the children, families, staff and the community.

The individuals with COVID-19 have been contacted directly by our COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Team. We have worked with the individuals and the nursery school and have identified all others, both in and out of the school environment, who may have been exposed and have determined their risk level. Any cohorts that have been identified as contacts to the case have been excluded from the facility at this time.

Those NOT contacted by Public Health need not take any additional steps including asymptomatic testing. Public Health is the lead in all outbreaks and case management. Public Health will contact you if you have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, based on a thorough risk assessment completed only by Public Health.

Determining who has had close contact is a decision that can only be made by Public Health. Anyone at heightened risk of COVID-19 transmission due to close contact to a person with COVID-19 will be contacted by Public Health within 24 hours of the investigation.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit will direct those considered at risk regarding testing requirements and recommendations (e.g., timing). There is no value in anyone being tested before they are notified and instructed to do so by Public Health. Results of early testing are unreliable and place individuals at risk of more testing than is required.

As a reminder to the public, if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please proceed to your nearest assessment centre for testing.

All contact tracing and determination of individual and community risk is made by Public Health. This is true of all cases, whether in nursery schools, schools, workplaces or the community. A health care provider or school official cannot make this decision.

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Media Release

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Completing Mass Immunization in Grey Bruce Hubs By the End of July

Good News! Grey Bruce is on target to complete mass immunization in the Hubs by the end of July. That will get us closer to the lifting of restrictions that we all want. The key is vaccines. Everyone who needs the vaccine should get it as soon as possible, before the end of July.

Mass vaccine clinics for August and September will not be needed as the Hub arenas will be returned to community use. If you want to get your second shot with no wait, go to the Hubs.

Individuals with second doses scheduled for August or September must re-book now. Anyone without an appointment can make one, online or by phone, or simply attend any of the current scheduled, walk-in, pop-up and drive-through vaccine clinics across Grey Bruce. [Vaccine Schedule](#) Participating pharmacies and primary care also have vaccine available.

As a community, achieving the majority of people being vaccinated sets us on the road to return to normal. As individuals, the fully vaccinated will have advantages as potential restrictions are likely to be less intrusive than those for non-vaccinated. For example, with a case in a workplace or school, fully vaccinated may not be required to isolate.

Most new cases are identified un-vaccinated individuals. Those people who are vaccinated are less likely to become infected and highly unlikely to develop severe disease requiring hospitalization.

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