



# Media Release

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September 7, 2021

## Rapid Antigen Testing Kits

As recommended by Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, local employers are developing a workplace vaccination policy to protect their workers and the public from COVID-19. A workplace vaccination policy will identify the organizational expectations with regards to COVID-19 immunization of employees. This should include specific actions workers must take regarding alternatives such as regular testing in lieu of providing proof of vaccination status or a medical exemption.

There has been an increase in interest around Rapid Antigen Testing for businesses and organizations as they work to develop their own staff vaccination policies.

Anyone testing positive on a Rapid Antigen Test as part of workplace screening must seek follow-up testing through their local assessment centre.

Many businesses are eligible to receive free rapid test kits through the Government of Ontario

More information on Rapid Antigen Testing is available through the Ontario Government; [Get free rapid tests | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

Recommendations and templates on developing a workplace vaccination policy are posted on the [Grey Bruce Health Unit webpage](#).

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## Vaccine Receipt – Provincial Website Instructions

1. Go to the Provincial Booking System at [COVID-19 vaccine booking support | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

### Proof of vaccination

After you are vaccinated, you can log in to the provincial portal to download or print an electronic COVID-19 vaccine receipt (PDF) for each dose you have received.

Receipts are available:

- for first and second doses received in Ontario (once you get them)
- regardless of where you were vaccinated (for example, at a mass immunization clinic, hospital, pharmacy or primary care setting)

To log in and get your receipt, you will need:

- a **green photo health (OHIP) card** (you will need numbers from both the front and back of the card, expired cards will be accepted)
- your date of birth
- your postal code (the one associated with your health card)

[Get your electronic receipt](#)

If you have a **red and white health card**, call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at [1-833-943-3900](tel:1-833-943-3900). The call centre agent can email you a copy of your receipt.

Ontarians who received their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine out of province should [contact their local public health unit](#) to record their information and receive proper documentation.

2. Click on the blue rectangle “Get your electronic receipt”.

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## Identity verification

Enter the health card information. All fields are required.

Health card number

[See example](#)

2-letter version code

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9-character code on the back of the health card

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YYYY-MM-DD

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## Vaccination services

### Vaccine appointment booking

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### Vaccination receipts

Download and view receipts for your COVID-19 vaccinations.

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## COVID-19 vaccination receipts

 Vaccination receipts are a statement of vaccine dates and details.

Date of vaccination:

Product name:

Dose number: 1

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Date of vaccination:

Product name:

Dose number: 2

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## **GBHU Vaccine Clinics- September 6 – September 10**

For the week of September 6 – September 10, the Grey Bruce Health Unit will hold vaccine clinics at the following locations and times:

### **Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)**

No clinics scheduled

### **Tuesday, September 7**

Meaford Community Centre, Meaford, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Blue Mountain Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 11:00am - 1:00pm

### **Wednesday, September 8**

Dundalk Arena, Dundalk, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Blue Mountain Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 11:00am - 1:00pm

### **Thursday, September 9**

Shallow Lake Community Centre, Shallow Lake, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Saugeen District Senior School, Port Elgin, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

### **Friday, September 10**

Williamsford Community Centre, Williamsford, 11:00am - 2:00pm

Blue Mountain Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 11:00am - 1:00pm

All clinics are walk-in, bike-in, drive-in; no appointments necessary. Clinic list is subject to change. **Third dose will be provided to those eligible with supporting documentation signed by physician, including CPSO#.**

For a current list of all clinics, please visit our weekly [Clinic Schedule](#). Clinics are subject to cancellation due to weather.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate

Individuals with a green photo health card can download and print an electronic COVID-19 vaccine receipt through the provincial portal [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

Individuals who have a red and white health card or who do not have a health card can contact the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 for a call centre agent to email them a copy of their first and second dose receipts.

If the vaccine was administered at a pharmacy, individuals can ask the pharmacy for assistance in accessing their vaccine certificates.

If they are unsuccessful, they can email Public Health for assistance at [COVID19.vaccine@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:COVID19.vaccine@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

Individuals wanting to register an out-of-province vaccine can do so by emailing [COVID19.vaccine@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca](mailto:COVID19.vaccine@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca).

Bruce County Library Services are offering a free vaccine receipt printing and laminating at all Bruce County Library branches. Similar services are available in select libraries in Grey County. Please contact your local library branch near you for available services and details.

**Attachment:** Vaccine Receipt – Provincial Website Instructions

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## Opioid Overdose Alert

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has issued an [Opioid Alert](#) to system partners. The alert is in response to eight Opioid Overdoses (non-fatal) in the previous five days.

There have been 6 overdoses in Grey County – 4 suspected fentanyl and 2 in Bruce County – both suspected fentanyl. All were non-fatal. None have been confirmed by toxicology.

In Grey Bruce, there have been at least 10 fatal overdoses to date in 2021. Fentanyl or carfentanil are assumed to be involved.

All street drugs should be deemed highly toxic, and FATAL

We urge people that use drugs to do so as safe as possible by following basic Harm Reduction strategies:

- Avoid using alone.
  - When using with someone else, avoid using at the same time.
  - Call the OVERDOSE PREVENTION LINE at 1-888-688-6677 (NORS) if you must use alone
- Avoid mixing different drugs.
  - Mixing drugs, including alcohol, increases the risk of overdose.
- Go slow.
  - Use smaller amounts and do test doses to check the strength of the drug.
- Know your tolerance.
  - If using after a period of not using – use less.
- Get overdose prevention training and carrying a Naloxone kit.
- Overdose is a medical emergency. Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department.
- The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides protection from simple possession charges when 911 is called for an overdose.

The Grey Bruce Harm Reduction Team continues to ensure that all essential Harm Reduction Services remain operational, including Needles Syringe Exchange Program, Naloxone Distribution, and supplying 18 contracted sites with Harm Reduction supplies. In addition, focused outreach in high-risk areas throughout Grey and Bruce has been enhanced.

Naloxone and safe drug use equipment is available at the Grey Bruce Health Unit Monday to Friday 8:30am-4pm, and through our participating sites. Call the Health Unit for details, or call 211.

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For additional Addiction Services:

- ConnexOntario 1-866-531-2600
- Withdrawal Management/RAAM Clinic (Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic) 519-376-5666
- G&B House 519-376-9495
- Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre 519-371-0007
- CMHA Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services 519-371-3642
- Mental Health Crisis Line Grey Bruce 1-877-470-5200
- Overdose Prevention Line: 1-888-853-8542
- <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Health/Harm-Reduction>
- If unsure – call 211

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## **GBHU Vaccine Clinics- September 13 – September 17**

For the week of September 13 – September 17, the Grey Bruce Health Unit will hold vaccine clinics at the following locations and times:

### **Monday, September 13**

Warton Community Centre, Warton, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Blue Mountains Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 9:00am - 12:00pm

### **Tuesday, September 14**

Blue Mountains Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Georgian College, Owen Sound, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

### **Wednesday, September 15**

Blue Mountains Community Health Centre, Thornbury, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Georgian College, Owen Sound, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

### **Thursday, September 16**

No clinics scheduled

### **Friday, September 17**

Flesherton Arena, Flesherton, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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**COVID-19 vaccine will be offered to all students in Grade 7 to 12 throughout September at local schools. These clinics will not be open to the public.**

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