

# COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE



## Walk-ins available at all Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 vaccination clinics

Walk-ins for first and second doses are available at all Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 vaccination clinics from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Upcoming clinics locations are as follows:

- July 29: Niagara Falls, MacBain Community Centre
- July 29: Pelham, Meridian Community Centre
- July 30: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Community Centre
- July 30-31: Lincoln, Lincoln Community Centre
- July 31: Fort Erie, Leisureplex

Walk-in vaccinations depend on vaccine supply and therefore are not guaranteed. To ensure vaccine availability, book an appointment online through the provincial portal at [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or by calling the provincial booking system at 1-833-943-3900. Same-day appointments are welcome. If someone arrives late for an appointment, it will still be honoured. A full list of clinic dates can be found at <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/vaccination/clinic-schedule.aspx>

## Niagara Health expands walk-in hours at Seymour-Hannah vaccination clinic

As of Monday, July 26, Niagara Health's Seymour-Hannah vaccination clinic is accepting daily walk-in appointments on a first-come, first-served basis for first and second doses between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Seymour-Hannah clinic in St. Catharines will wind down in mid-August. A smaller vaccination clinic will be opened at the St. Catharines hospital to continue vaccinating those who still need their first or second dose.

## Digital Transformation Grant Program

The Ontario Government is investing \$10 million towards the Digital Main Street program to help small businesses expand their digital presence and market their services online. Small businesses have the opportunity to apply for \$2,500 grants to purchase new technology and digital services, as well as receive technical training, and digital resources to help them reach more customers in person and online. Visit <https://digitalmainstreet.ca/ontariogrants/>

## Youth can be fully vaccinated for #VaxToSchool

Students can be fully vaccinated for the first day of school if they receive their second dose of the vaccine by August 24. Full protection against COVID-19 infection comes two weeks after the second dose is received, so Niagara Region Public Health is urging students 12 years and older to receive their vaccines as soon as possible. Youth who have received their first Pfizer vaccine must wait at least 21 days before their second dose. That means teens need to get their first dose within the next week to be able to get their second dose by August 24 and have full protection by the time school resumes. #VaxToSchool planning starts now!

## Town of Fort Erie Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program

The Temporary Outdoor Patio and Retail Program is intended to support local eating and retail establishments by providing flexibility while at the same time ensuring health and safety standards remain in place. Applicants wishing to establish a new temporary outdoor patio or retail area, or, temporarily expand an existing outdoor patio or retail area must complete and submit an application prior to approval. Visit <https://www.forterrie.ca/pages/TemporaryOutdoorPatioandRetail>

## Small Business Health and Safety Training Program

The Ontario Government is investing \$10.5 million through the Small Business Health and Safety Training Program (SBHST). The SBHST Program will train health and safety representatives on how to keep workers safe by identifying potential health and safety problems. Businesses will be reimbursed for the time the representatives are away from work. To register for the free training, businesses must access the course through the Workplace Safety and Prevention Services' website at <https://www.wsps.ca/Shop/Training/E-Courses>

## Free online training for workers impacted by the pandemic

The Ontario Government is investing \$5.8 million in free online training for workers who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, available until March 31, 2022, through LinkedIn. To apply, workers can contact their local employment service provider or go to <https://linkedin.firstwork.org/> to sign up. For more information, visit <https://news.ontario.ca/en>

**For more information about the Town's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://covid19.forterrie.ca>.  
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