



CP SCOOP – March 15th, 2021

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit Area Booking and Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine - The Health Unit's [COVID-19 Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#) identifies the approximate times when people in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark can receive the vaccine. This plan aligns with the [Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#).

Who is eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine in LGL now and how do they book an appointment?

As of March 15th, 2021 the [following groups](#) are eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine:

- Health Care Worker – Highest Priority*
- Health Care Worker – Very High Priority*
- Health Care Worker – High Priority*
- Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living)
- Adults born in 1941 or before (80+)
- All Indigenous Adults born in 1966 or before
- Adult recipients of chronic home care

Please check [the eligibility tool](#) to see if you are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. We will be updating the tool regularly so you will be able to find out when you can receive the vaccine.

How to book an appointment:

A Leeds, Grenville and Lanark booking system was developed to allow individuals in eligible groups in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark to get the COVID-19 vaccine before the provincial booking system was available. A local call centre has been established through a partnership between the United Counties of Leeds-Grenville, Lanark County and the Health Unit to help eligible people book into a vaccine clinic in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark.

Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria for the groups above can book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccine by:

- **Calling our local Leeds, Grenville, Lanark Booking Centre** toll-free at 1-844-369-1234. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 7 days a week.
- **Emailing covid@healthunit.org.**
 - Provide your name, eligibility group, date of birth, preferred clinic location(s) and a phone number. Due to the volume of emails, it may take several days to reply.

Please only call or email if you are eligible to receive the vaccine. **If you have any health concerns, it is always best to speak with your health care provider.**

Additional provincial booking option for Adults born in 1941 or earlier (ages 80+):

Adults born in 1941 or earlier (ages 80+) can also book by:

- Using the Province's new online booking tool at www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine
- The online vaccine booking tool allows for someone to book your vaccination appointments on behalf of the person born on or before 1941. They can also use their email address to receive a notification about the appointment time and place.
- You can also call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488, open Monday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The first available appointments in the provincial booking system for Leeds, Grenville and Lanark will be for April 5th and beyond, as we continue to complete clinics with appointments that were already scheduled in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark booking system.

Only individuals who are eligible and who have booked an appointment will get their vaccine at the clinic. **You will not be able to receive the vaccine if you are not eligible or if you do not have an appointment.**

Support for individuals who need to book a 2nd dose only, or reschedule a 2nd dose appointment:

Individuals who have already received their 1st dose of COVID-19 vaccine and need to book a 2nd dose; and individuals who need to reschedule a 2nd dose appointment can receive support by:

- Sending an email to covid@healthunit.org
 - ✓ Provide your name, date of birth and details about your request and a phone number
 - ✓ Due to the volume of email, it may take several days to return your email

Family and Friend Support for Booking:

If you have friends or family who are over 80 years old (were born in 1941 or earlier), ask them if they have had their vaccine or booked an appointment. Please consider helping these individuals to book their appointments, as some may not have online access or be comfortable booking online appointments.

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Weekly Vaccine Status Report – March 15th

What was done last week?

Fixed Clinic Booking for clients in the following groups:

- Health Care Worker – Highest Priority*
- Health Care Worker – Very High Priority*
- Began Health Care Worker – High Priority*
- Staff and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living)
- Adults born in 1941 or before (80+)

Vaccine Sites:

- Provide first vaccine dose to residents in Retirement Homes
- Continued second doses for residents in Long-Term Care Homes and High Risk Retirement Homes. (High Risk Retirement Homes are defined as those that are co-located with a long term care home and/or have a formal memory unit within the facility.)

- Operated four (4) fixed sites (Smiths Falls, Almonte, Brockville and Kemptville)
- Continued to support In House Hospital Staff Clinics
- Continued our [contingency list program](#) to offer up last minute doses to those in the priority groups

Number of Immunizations Given:

- From March 1st to March 7th: 3526 individuals received their first dose of vaccine this week and 565 individuals received their second dose of vaccine
- A **total of 10,251** individuals have received at least one (1) dose of vaccine (either through the KHSC Clinic, the Ottawa Hospital Clinic or one of our mobile clinics) since our roll out started.

What is the plan for this week?

- Continue to roll out the provincial Phase 1 Program (includes Leeds, Grenville and Lanark stage 1, stage 2 and some of stage 3) of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).
- Communicate information about how to book into a clinic for eligible groups.
- Continue to grow capacity at our four fixed sites. These clinics are by appointment only.
- Finalize planning for community pop-up clinics in smaller communities and in-home vaccine referral process for those that are unable to get to a fixed site or a pop-up.

What are we working on for next week

- Continue to build capacity in our four (4) fixed sites.
- Continued to roll out Provincial Phase 1 including stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 of the [Leeds, Grenville and Lanark COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Roll Out Plan](#).

What can I do now?

- **Get informed** visit [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#)
- **Stay healthy**
 - Follow COVID-19 precautions – wear a mask, keep the 2m/6ft distance from others, follow stay at home order
 - Stay home if sick and contact the Assessment Centres for testing
 - Ensure your other immunizations are up to date
 - Discuss any concerns with your health care provider, here is the link to the consent form [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

For more detailed information and FAQs about the vaccine visit the [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#) section of our website.