

Appendix C: Flow Diagram for COVID-19 Fall Booster Vaccination

When to get a fall COVID-19 booster

Use the chart below if you have completed your primary series and are aged 5 and older.

Start

Has it been at least 6 months since:

- your last COVID-19 vaccine dose, or
- you tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

Get your booster now

Protect yourself during respiratory illness season and before cool weather leads to more time indoors.

No

Do any of the following apply to you?

- Aged 65 or older
- Resident of long term care, retirement home, or other congregate care setting
- Aged 12 or older and moderately to severely immunocompromised¹ or with an underlying medical condition²
- Health care worker
- Pregnant
- Adult First Nations, Inuit, or Métis individual or household member
- Adult in racialized and/or marginalized community disproportionately affected by COVID-19

Yes

Get your booster 3 months after your last dose or last COVID-19 infection

You are at high risk of severe outcomes and are **strongly recommended to get your booster dose at a shorter interval** to protect yourself during respiratory illness season and before cool weather leads to more time indoors.

No

Get your booster 6 months after your last dose or last COVID-19 infection

You are not at high risk of severe outcomes. Longer intervals between vaccines may result in a better immune response and higher vaccine effectiveness.

Notes

1. If you are immunocompromised, talk to your health care provider about the timing of your booster.

2. May include: heart, kidney, or lung conditions, diabetes and other metabolic conditions, cancer, anemia or hemoglobinopathy, neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions, a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 and over.

All vaccines available in Ontario are approved by Health Canada and are safe, effective, and are the best way to stay protected from COVID-19 and its variants.