

Appendix: Eligible High Risk HCWs for Shortened Second Dose

Hospital HCWs

All hospital and acute care staff in frontline roles with COVID-19 patients and/or with a high-risk of exposure to COVID-19, including nurses and personal support workers and those performing aerosol-generating procedures:

- Critical Care Units
- Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Departments
- COVID-19 Medical Units
- Code Blue Teams, Rapid Response Teams
- General internal medicine and other specialists involved in the direct care of COVID-19 positive patients

All patient-facing health care workers involved in the COVID-19 response:

- COVID-19 Specimen Collection Centers (e.g., Assessment centers, community COVID-19 testing locations)
- Teams supporting outbreak response (e.g., IPAC teams supporting outbreak management, inspectors in the patient environment, redeployed health care workers supporting outbreaks or staffing crisis in congregate living settings)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and Mobile Immunization Teams
- Mobile Testing Teams
- COVID-19 Isolation Centers
- COVID-19 Laboratory Services
- Current members of Ontario's Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT) who may be deployed at any time to support an emergency response

Medical First Responders

- ORNGE
- Paramedics
- Firefighters providing medical first response as part of their regular duties
- Police and special constables providing medical first response as part of their regular duties

Community health care workers serving specialized populations including:

- Needle exchange/syringe programs and supervised consumption and treatment services
- Indigenous health care service providers including but not limited to:
 - Aboriginal Health Access Centers, Indigenous Community Health Centers,
 - Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Teams, and Indigenous Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics

Long-term care home and retirement-home health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers and Essential Caregivers

- Individuals working in Community Health Centers serving disproportionately affected communities and/or communities experiencing highest burden of health, social and economic impacts from COVID-19
- Critical health care workers in remote and hard to access communities, e.g., sole practitioner
- Home and community care health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers caring for recipients of chronic homecare and seniors in congregate living facilities or providing hands-on care to COVID-19 patients in the community