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Second Dose Eligibility and NWHU Walk-in Clinics

Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) has released their COVID-19 clinic schedule for next week. Many clinics are taking place throughout the region for 1st and 2nd doses for anyone eligible.

The eligibility criteria for these clinics include:

1st dose: Anyone aged 12 or older

2nd dose:

- Anyone born in 1951 or earlier (70+) *new
- Anyone who had their first dose on or before April 18 *new
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis people and their household members
- Those who live in a long-term care home or Elder care lodge
- Transplant recipients, dialysis patients, cancer patients on active treatment, and those taking anti-CD20 agent medications
- High risk health care workers as defined [here](#)

The newly added groups above can book an appointment using the [Provincial Booking System](#) beginning June 7, however, if preferred, they can instead attend a walk-in clinic listed below.

The public should be aware that as per the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines can be safely interchanged for first and second doses if the original mRNA vaccine is not readily available. NWHU will make all attempts at providing the same vaccine as the first dose, however, if it is not available, individuals may receive the other brand of mRNA vaccine instead. This practice does not impact the vaccine's effectiveness or safety and is a common practice in routine vaccination series for other diseases.

Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Schedule:

Date	Community	Location	Time
June 7	Ear Falls	Arena	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
June 8	Emo	Donald Young School	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Red Lake	Legion	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
June 9	Fort Frances	St. Francis School	1:30 pm – 6:30 pm
	Sioux Lookout	Rec Centre	1:30 pm – 6:30 pm
June 10	Fort Frances	St. Francis School	1:30 pm – 6:30 pm
	Kenora	Rec Centre	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Machin	Arena	1:30 pm – 6:30 pm
June 11	Dryden	Arena	10:30 am – 3:30 pm
	Kenora	Rec Centre	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
June 12	Dryden	Arena	10:30 am – 3:30 pm
	Sioux Narrows	Community Hall	11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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