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More residents now eligible for 1st, 2nd, and booster doses

Northwestern Health Unit's COVID-19 clinics continue as more residents become eligible for the vaccine, including booster doses. Anyone who is eligible for a first, second, or booster dose of the vaccine can book an appointment at one of the scheduled clinics throughout the region.

Eligibility includes:

- **First doses:** Anyone aged 5 or older (or born in 2016 or earlier)
- **Second doses:** The recommended interval between first and second dose is 56 days (8 weeks)
- **Booster doses:** If second dose was given at least 168 days (24 weeks) ago, the following groups can receive a booster dose:
 - o Anyone aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier)
 - o First Nation, Inuit, and Métis adults and their family/household members
 - o Health care workers and first responders
 - o People who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (2 doses of AstraZeneca or 1 dose of Janssen)
 - o People living in a retirement home, elder care lodge, or those living in a congregate setting for seniors, including designated essential caregivers

In addition, people with certain medical conditions and those on specific medications are eligible for a third dose 56 days (8 weeks) after their second dose. Learn more from [The Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) document.

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To book an appointment for a first, second, or booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Use Northwestern Health Unit's booking site: <https://clinicreservation.com/book-now>
- Call Northwestern Health Unit at: 1-866-468-2240
- Contact your health care provider
- Contact your local pharmacy

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