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Third Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Referrals

On August 17, 2021, Ontario's Ministry of Health began offering third doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to select vulnerable populations. Review [Ontario's Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility](#) for details.

If you have an individual under your care who is eligible for a third dose, please follow this process:

- Eligible individuals are to be contacted by their health care provider (e.g. primary care provider, specialist, or hospital specialty program) to inform them that they are eligible.
- Eligible individuals can receive a third dose at a minimum of eight weeks after their second dose.
- Southwestern Public Health vaccination clinics require the individual to provide a signed referral form from their health care provider (e.g. primary care provider, specialist, or hospital specialty program).
- The referral form must be entered into the individual's health record in COVAX for documentation.

Access the Referral Form:

- Via the Southwestern Public Health website:
<https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/partners-and-professionals/resources/Health-Care-Providers/Reportable-Disease-List-and-Report-Forms/FORM--COVID-19-Third-Dose-Referral.pdf>
- Via the South West Primary Care Alliance EMR Resources website (coming soon):
<https://www.swpca.ca/EMRResource/>

For Reference:

- [Ministry Guidance for Third Dose Referrals for Special Populations](#) (pg. 2)
- [Ministry Guidance for Third Dose Referrals for Adults](#) (pg. 2)
- [Ministry Guidance for Third Dose Referrals for Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (pg. 2)

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