

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Health Unit Announces More Opportunities for Vaccination this Fall

NORTH BAY, ON – The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) will be holding walk-in vaccine clinics across the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts for all individuals aged six months and older who do not have a primary care provider. Similar to the clinics that are taking place this week for high-risk groups, the clinics will offer flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines, with the option for <u>eligible older adults</u> to receive the RSV vaccine. Today, the Health Unit released the schedule for their remaining community clinics in 2025. Participating pharmacies and primary care providers are also continuing to offer the vaccines.

COVID-19, Flu and RSV Vaccine Clinic Schedule for All Ages 6 months+

Magnetawan

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4 - 6 p.m. at Magnetawan Community Centre, 4304 Hwy 520

Mattawa

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 3 - 6 p.m. at Mattawa Golden Age Club, 464 Poplar St.

North Bay

Sunday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 325 Elks Ln.

Parry Sound

Sunday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bobby Orr Community Centre, 7-17 Mary St.

Sundridge

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 3 - 6 p.m. at SSJ Arena, 14 Albert St. N

Wait times at clinics may vary. High-risk individuals with unique needs can contact the Health Unit at <u>705-474-1400</u> to inquire about a private appointment.

It is still recommended to wait six months after your last COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 infection to get the next dose of COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 and flu vaccines being offered this year protect against current variants. Boosters are not currently needed for the RSV vaccine. For more information on COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccines, visit myhealthunit.ca, or contact your healthcare provider. To connect with a healthcare provider online, visit shn.ca/vaxfacts or Health811.



Quick Facts

- The benefits of COVID-19 vaccines continue to outweigh their potential risks, as numerous studies from <u>World Health Organization</u> and <u>Health Canada</u> and peer-reviewed journals confirm that COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even as variants evolve.
- In Ontario, 0.06 per cent of 40,493,562 doses administered have led to adverse effects being reported. 94.5 per cent of total Adverse Effects Following Immunization (AEFI) reports are non-serious. Some events reported through the AEFI process are illnesses that would have occurred anyway but by coincidence occurred in the days to weeks after a person received a vaccine.
- A report from the Office of the Chief Science Advisor of Canada shows that the risk of myocarditis is significantly higher after a COVID-19 infection than after a vaccination. Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis caused by vaccination are rare and typically mild.

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