COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Members Attending Clinics Off-Reserve

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC), Ohsweken Public Health (OPH), and Six Nations Health Services (SNHS) have received numerous concerns from community members regarding when they can expect to receive either their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. It has also been noted that some members are looking to off-reserve vaccine clinics to be vaccinated sooner.

While community members are free to seek vaccination from neighboring health units, consistency must be maintained throughout the vaccination process.

Members must be aware that first and second doses must be administered at the same COVID-19 vaccination clinic for two important reasons:

1. The same brand of COVID-19 vaccine must be used for both doses in the vaccination process, and vaccine brands used may differ between clinics. For example, Haldimand-Norfolk’s clinic administered the Pfizer vaccine, whereas Six Nations has been administering the Moderna vaccine. COVID-19 vaccine brands cannot be mixed for the two-dose vaccination sequence. Even if two clinics are administering the same brand, community members must get their first and second doses from the same clinic for consistency purposes.

2. Consistency must be maintained for reporting purposes. It is important that vaccination data is accurate in order to paint the clearest picture possible to the provincial government of vaccines given to date across the province. This is critical, as it will indicate the overall status of Ontario’s vaccination progress and help us to better advocate for more doses.

If you have already received a first dose of a vaccine at another clinic, please follow up with that health unit to confirm the date of your next appointment based on current guidelines around intervals. Please do not call Ohsweken Public Health or the Assessment Centre to ask if you can be booked for a second dose in Six Nations.

If you pre-registered with Six Nations but have since received your first dose elsewhere, please let the nurse know if you are contacted to book an appointment at Six Nations that you already received a dose at another clinic.

The community’s continued patience is appreciated as we work to improve the vaccine rollout process for Six Nations. Please know that we are working diligently, 7 days a week, to keep up with the clinic needs, pre-registration process, and vaccine integrity.

In order to ease the strain on the phone line, community members are asked to only use the phone line to pre-register if they do not have internet access to the online pre-registration form.
Six Nations is currently completing vaccinations for community members who are 50+ years of age and/or members who are immunocompromised and are receiving homecare. All community members are encouraged to pre-register for the vaccine at this point.

After members pre-register, it is strongly encouraged that they ensure the phone number they registered with is active and that their ringer volume is turned up. Members will receive a call from the vaccine clinic confirming the date and time of their appointment and are asked to enter the clinic exactly on time and wait in their vehicles if they arrive early to avoid potential delays at the clinic.

Additionally, members are asked to complete the vaccination consent form before arriving to their appointment. Consent forms are sent at the time of appointment confirmation if the individual making the appointment has the ability to print. The consent form can also be found online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca.

The Six Nations COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is gearing up to schedule the next appointments for this week and next week. Again, please pre-register online where possible. A strict appointment-only rule remains in effect.

Vaccinations will only be administered to those who have pre-registered and have a confirmed appointment. Pre-registration can be done online at www.sixnationscovid19.ca. Only members that do not have internet access should be calling the phone line to pre-register at 226-227-9288, Monday to Friday, between 9:00AM and 4:30PM.

Community members are urged to continue to follow public health guidance on face coverings and social distancing in between and after vaccinations as those who are vaccinated are only protected against moderate to severe illness and could still transmit the virus to others.

To book a COVID-19 test, please visit www.sixnationscovid19.ca or call 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909.

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