



## Media Release

# Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to open Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics beginning March 1, 2021

February 26, 2021 – With vaccine supply increasing and a broadening of those eligible to receive it, on Monday, March 1, 2021, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) will open community COVID-19 vaccination clinics in six regions within Simcoe Muskoka, including the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre in Midland. These community clinics will provide vaccinations by appointment only to those eligible at this time.

In addition to those who were already eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups may now book appointments to receive the vaccine at clinics starting on March 1:

- Adults 85 years of age and older;
- All indigenous adults 55 years of age and older, and their adult household members aged 16 and older (Indigenous or non-Indigenous);
- Health care workers in the Very High Priority level, in accordance with the [Ministry of Health's Guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization](#); and
- Adult recipients of chronic home care.

**If you are not eligible to book an appointment, you will be turned away at the community clinics.**

"I join the Mayors from the other municipalities in thanking our staff for working quickly with the SMDHU to answer the call for assistance. With the opening of vaccination clinics locally and throughout Simcoe Muskoka, we are proud to support the effort to turn the tide on the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. "I encourage all eligible residents to visit the [SMDHU's website](#) to book your appointment, and for those currently not eligible I ask that you please be patient as we progress through the phases of this vaccination program. This is a marathon, not a sprint."

### How to book an appointment

- Book online through the SMDHU's website at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://simcoemuskokahealth.org);
- Family members, friends, support persons, health care providers or community partners can also book appointments on behalf of eligible individuals;
- For those who can't access the website, you may book an appointment over the phone by calling the SMDHU at 705-721-7250 or 1-877-721-7520;

**Please note – Clinics will not be open to the general public. If you attend a clinic without an appointment, you will be turned away.**

For more information on community vaccination clinics, the COVID-19 Vaccination plan, and COVID-19 cases in our region please visit [simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call the SMDHU at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.



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