



March 25, 2021

Dear Scarborough Doctors:

**Re: Booking your patients into a Scarborough Vaccination Centre**

We are pleased to inform you that **as of today, March 25, SHN is expanding the list of eligible patients that can be** booked for vaccine appointments at one of our COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Scarborough Health Network and the Scarborough Ontario Health Team have opened two COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Please ensure that your patients use SHN's booking system.

1. Centenary Hospital (2867 Ellesmere Rd.)
2. Centennial College, Progress Campus (941 Progress Ave.)

**Who is eligible?**

To simplify the prioritization guidance, patients who are eligible will be:

1. 70 years of age and older; or
2. 50 years of age and older with a single health condition.

The COVID-19 Distribution Task Force has provided three levels of health conditions. Please see examples below for each level:

- **Highest risk** includes organ or stem cell transplant recipients; neurological disorders where respiratory function is compromised, hematological malignancies, or an eGFR less than 30.
- **High risk** includes obesity, immunosuppressed, and those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- **At-risk** includes immune deficiencies, autoimmune disorders, stroke, cerebrovascular disease, dementia, diabetes, liver disease, all cancers, spleen problems, respiratory disease, heart disease, hypertension mental illness disorder, substance use disorder, thalassemia, pregnancy immunocompromising health conditions, or any other disability requiring community support.

Patients falling within one of these three categories can be booked for vaccinations at a SHN clinic. To be eligible, patients must live within Scarborough. If your patient does not live in

Birchmount hospital: 3030 Birchmount Rd, Scarborough, ON M1W 3W3 | 416-495-2400  
Centenary hospital: 2867 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough, ON M1E 4B9 | 416-284-8131  
General hospital: 3050 Lawrence Ave. E, Scarborough, ON M1P 2V5 | 416-438-2911

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Scarborough, but receives care from a Scarborough-based primary care physician or specialist, they simply need to identify the name of their Scarborough-based physician. They should bring their medications and/or pharmacy medication list to confirm who their physician is as well.

### **Booking the Appointment**

Please ensure that your patients use SHN's booking system. If they try other sites, they may not be given appointments. We request that you pass the registration information on to your patients who are eligible, in one of two ways:

1. If you have their email addresses, and they have computers, they can select either Centennial College AWC – Progress Campus or Centenary Hospital (whichever clinic best suits their needs) through the following link:

[www.scarbvacine.ca](http://www.scarbvacine.ca)

2. Should they prefer to register via telephone, appointments can be made by calling **1-888-385-1910**.

### **Registration System**

We are working to update our registration system today to correspond with this change in eligibility. If it does not provide your patient with the correct age or health category (i.e. "chronic health condition") when registering, please select 75+ in the registration field. This will not be an issue when they arrive for their appointment.

**For any questions relating to appointment bookings, please email:**

[covidvaccineclinic@shn.ca](mailto:covidvaccineclinic@shn.ca).

Once they have completed the appointment booking, they will receive a confirmation email with all of the information needed for the appointment.

Our clinics are designed to be as accessible as possible, with seniors in mind during every step of the planning process. We look forward to serving your patients as safely and efficiently as possible.

Sincerely,

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