Starting on Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m., eligible individuals will be able to book their booster dose appointment through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, select pharmacies, and primary care settings. Hospital-based health care workers are encouraged to reach out to their hospital employer to get vaccinated directly through their hospital's vaccination program.

The City of Kawartha Lakes will be using the provincial booking system with two clinic sites. One in Lindsay and one in Fenelon Falls. The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Medical Officer of Health, Dr Natalie Bocking says this will not impact the definition of being "fully vaccinated". She says two doses are still considered "fully vaccinated".

In addition, Ontario is once again supporting northern and remote fly in First Nation communities by launching Operation Remote Immunity 3.0, this time through the co-development of plans with Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, to support Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority and Weeneebayko Area Health Authority, First Nation health organizations, to administer booster doses in their communities with transportation and vaccine supply assistance from Ornge and local public health units.

The province says it is prepared to expand eligibility for a booster dose to all Ontarians over time. Based on Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination rollout for first and second doses, expansion of eligibility for booster doses will be based on age and risk, with an interval of six to eight months from the second dose.

"Ontario is continuing the success of our vaccine rollout by expanding eligibility for a booster shot based on age and risk," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "As we continue rolling out our Last Mile Strategy to vaccinate as many Ontarians as possible, providing an extra layer of protection starting with our most