## RESIDENTS 70-PLUS ELIGIBLE TO RESCHEDULE SECOND VACCINE DOSE

HERB GARBUTT

hgarbutt@metroland.com

Halton residents 70 years of age and older now have to option to reschedule their second-dose appointment through Halton Region's online booking system, one.halton.ca/vab/s/view-booking.

Based on expected vaccine supply and appointment availability appointments can be make with shortened interval.

"We continue to make great progress and have already vaccinated almost 70 per cent of our community with the first dose," said Halton Region chair Gary Carr.

Residents who received their first dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine on or before Apr. 18 now have the option to reschedule their second dose appointment. Due to the current limited supply of the Moderna vaccine from the provincial and federal government, there may be a limited number of appointments for anyone who received a first dose of Moderna.

Information on when additional groups will be eligible to reschedule second-dose appointments will be announced as supplies from the provincial and federal governments are confirmed.

The region is asking residents to reach out to anyone who may require help rescheduling their appointment online. Residents requiring help can also call 311 for assistance.

"Accelerating second doses for more groups will help prevent severe illness and provide greater protection to those most at risk in our community," said Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Halton Region medical officer of



Dan Pearce/Metroland

Halton Region is offering residents aged 70 and older the opportunity to reschedule their second-dose appointments in order to get their shot earlier.

health.

"Getting everyone vaccinated is critically important. If you haven't booked your first dose appointment yet, including youth 12-17, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The

more people we get vaccinated each and every day brings us closer to returning to normal."





Domtar