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WEEKLY ROUNDUP: PROVINCE EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY FOR THIRD DOSE OF COVID VACCINE

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Ontario has expanded eligibility for third, or booster, doses of the CO-VID-19 vaccine.

Residents in higher risk groups will be able to book appointments for a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine, provided they had their last dose more than six months ago.

Those groups include: anyone over the age of 70

- health care workers and designated essential care workers in congregate settings
- people who received two doses of Astra Zeneca

vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine

• First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and non-Indigenous members of their household

"These additional groups will benefit from a booster dose as they are at increased risk of waning immunity and greater risk of exposure, serious illness and outcomes," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's chief medical officer of health.

Halton reported 84 new cases of COVID-19 between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4, an average of 12 cases per day.

There were 80 active COVID-19 cases in the re-

gion as of Nov. 4.

At press time, there had not been a COVID-19-related death in Halton in more than three weeks.

Almost half the cases (37) were in the 40-59 age group, while there were 25 in the under-20 age group.

As of Nov. 5, 88 per cent of eligible Halton residents (age 12 and older) had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine while 85 per cent were fully vaccinated.



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