

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Health Unit Joins Provincial Phone Booking System for COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND, ON – The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is now part of the provincial phone booking system for COVID-19 vaccine appointments as well as the online booking system. The move to the provincial phone booking system was to make it quicker and easier to book vaccine appointments. The provincial booking line is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily at 1-833-943-3900.

Individuals who have specific questions about the vaccine clinics in our area, who don't have an Ontario Health Card, or who have COVID-19 related questions, are still encouraged to call the Health Unit at [1-844-478-1400](tel:1-844-478-1400).

“To continually improve the experience of the public reaching out to the Health Unit for vaccine bookings or with COVID-19 questions, we have opened up a specific COVID-19 phone line at the Health Unit ([1-844-478-1400](tel:1-844-478-1400)) and joined the provincial vaccine booking line (1-833-943-3900) for COVID-19 vaccine appointments, explains Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health. “As the province has opened up the eligibility for first doses and appointments for second doses coming soon, it is important that people are able to book their appointment quickly and easily.”

The public is still encouraged to book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment online at [Ontario.ca/BookVaccine](https://Ontario.ca/BookVaccine) if they are able to do so, to help keep phone lines available for those who are unable to book online.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, visit [myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine](https://myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19Vaccine).

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