

NEWS RELEASE

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Mobile Vaccine Clinic is on the Move

NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND -The COVID-19 vaccine rollout is on the move as the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) and the City of North Bay launch the Mobile Vaccine Clinic; a retrofitted city bus. Starting Tuesday, August 31, the accessible and convenient mobile clinic will travel across the Health Unit's district to help reduce barriers to getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Throughout the vaccine rollout we have adapted to the needs of those in our community. Through our partnership with the City of North Bay, we are able to deliver COVID-19 vaccination services exactly where they are needed. Mobile clinics make getting the COVID-19 vaccine more convenient and accessible," says Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health. "Appointments will not be required to use the bus, and both Moderna and Pfizer will be offered wherever the bus stops."

"We must work together to ensure we continue to increase our COVID-19 vaccination numbers. The City of North Bay is proud to support this initiative and help reach people throughout the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit's region," states Mayor Al McDonald. "The bus is another way our Health Unit is reducing barriers for those who want the COVID-19 vaccine, and I encourage those who are not yet fully vaccinated to take advantage of this new option."

Individuals wishing to attend a COVID-19 vaccine clinic or attend a mobile vaccine clinic can stay up-to-date with locations, dates and times on the Health Unit's website at myhealthunit.ca/GetVaccinated. You can also walk-in to use the mobile vaccine clinic upon seeing it set up in the community.

All COVID-19 safety precautions will be followed. Individuals are required to follow public health measures, including wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing. If possible, individuals should bring a piece of identification when attending a clinic. Do not attend a clinic if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information on the local COVID-19 situation, visit myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19.

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