

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Update on COVID-19 Walk-in Clinics

The eligibility for 2<sup>nd</sup> doses at Northwestern Health Unit's (NWHU) walk-in clinics this week has expanded.

**1<sup>st</sup> dose:** Anyone aged 12 or older

**2<sup>nd</sup> dose:**

- Anyone born in 1951 or earlier (70+ in 2021)
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis people and their household members
- Those who live in a long-term care home or Elder care lodge
- Transplant recipients, dialysis patients, cancer patients on active treatment, and those taking anti-CD20 agent medications
- High risk health care workers as defined [here](#)

This information applies to the following clinics:

Date	Community	Location	Time
June 4	Fort Frances	St. Francis School	10:00am – 4:00pm
June 5	Fort Frances	St. Francis School	10:00am – 4:00pm
	Kenora	Recreation Centre	10:00am – 4:00pm

As per the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines can be safely interchanged for first and second doses if the original mRNA vaccine is not readily available. NWHU will make all attempts at providing the same vaccine as the first dose, however, if it is not available, individuals may receive the other brand of mRNA vaccine instead. This practice does not impact the vaccine's effectiveness or safety and is a common practice in routine vaccination series for other diseases.

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