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Ontario Rolls Out Vaccine Clinic on Wheels

Converted GO buses will travel to events and community hubs, making it easier and more convenient to receive COVID-19 vaccine

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TORONTO — Hop on the GO-VAXX bus! The Ontario government is partnering with Metrolinx to offer a new, convenient option for people to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

Two GO buses have been temporarily retrofitted to serve as mobile vaccine clinics as part of the province's last mile strategy to target those who have yet to receive a first or second dose. The first GO-VAXX bus hits the road this weekend, with its first stop at Canada's Wonderland on Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8 for guests with reservations to the park, as well as Canada's Wonderland staff.

"This innovative partnership with Metrolinx will ensure Ontarians have even easier access to a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "By bringing vaccines directly to the people, we are helping more residents get the protection they need for themselves, their families and their communities."

The GO-VAXX buses will travel to malls, festivals, community hubs and events throughout the summer and fall across the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region. No appointments are needed, and anyone aged 12 and over can get their first or second dose while supplies last. The mobile clinics are fully accessible and will be administering the Pfizer vaccine.

Each bus is expected to be on the road six days a week. The province will work with local public health units and municipalities to determine specific sites based on local data and needs. The weekly GO-VAXX schedule can be found at www.ontario.ca/vaccinebus and will be updated weekly.

As the province's vaccine rollout progresses, targeted strategies such as the GO-VAXX bus will play a vital role in reaching communities with lower vaccination rates. The province is working with public health units to make it easier and more convenient for individuals to get vaccinated through multiple targeted strategies, including mobile clinics and community-based pop-ups, dedicated clinic days for families with people with disabilities, townhall meetings in multiple languages, and services such as transportation, translation services and drive-through clinics.

“With over nine million Ontarians now fully vaccinated, we are seeing the benefits of the strong protection provided by the COVID-19 vaccines,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The job is not over yet, and the GO-VAXX bus is another way our government is making it easier and convenient for more Ontarians to receive their vaccine.”

“Our government is proud to work alongside Metrolinx to offer the people of Ontario a new and convenient way to get their COVID-19 vaccine,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “I am confident our efforts will continue to protect the health and safety of our families and communities across Ontario.”

“We are excited and pleased to help plan and deliver this innovative approach linking vaccination and transit together,” said Phil Verster, President and CEO, Metrolinx. “Our bus drivers jumped at the opportunity to be part of this incredible initiative and will be operating the GO-VAXX bus. Metrolinx has supported on site clinics for our staff and the public, and the GO-VAXX bus is another great next step to make it even more convenient for people to get protected.”

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the GO-VAXX bus to receive their vaccine is reminded to:

- Bring your health card. If you do not have a health card or your health card is expired, bring another form of government-issued photo identification such as a driver’s license, passport, Status card, or birth certificate.
- Eat and drink something before you arrive at your appointment to prevent feeling faint or dizzy while being vaccinated.
- Dress for the weather in case there is a line-up.
- Wear clothing that allows for easy access to the upper arm such as a loose-fitting top or a t-shirt.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose, mouth, and chin.
- Do not visit the GO-VAXX bus if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Quick Facts

- To date, 80.8 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 70.8 per cent have received both doses, ensuring the strongest possible protection against the virus.
- Each bus operates as a fully functioning vaccine clinic with the necessary supplies and trained staff to provide assistance to people and ensure vaccines are administered safely. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be followed on board, including the required pre-vaccination screening and post-vaccination monitoring.
- All vaccines provided as part of Ontario’s vaccine rollout provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants, including the Delta variant.
- GO-VAXX is a walk-in clinic and does not offer appointments. Individuals can continue to use Ontario’s [vaccine booking system](#) to find out how to schedule an appointment, or can call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line number at 1-833-943-3900. For general inquiries, individuals can call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line number at 1-888-999-6488 or TTY service is



also available by calling [1-866-797-0007](tel:1-866-797-0007). Appointments can also be scheduled directly through public health units that use their own booking system, and through [participating pharmacies](#). Select primary care providers are also reaching out to book appointments.

Additional Resources

- [Over Half of Ontario Adults Now Vaccinated with Second Dose](#)
- [Youth Aged 12-17 Across Ontario Eligible for Accelerated Second Dose](#)
- [All Ontarians Aged 18+ Becoming Eligible for Accelerated Second Doses](#)
- For up-to-date information on the populations currently eligible for vaccination and instructions on how to book an appointment when you are eligible, visit Ontario's [vaccine webpage](#).
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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