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Dear Patients:

Have you already received your first dose of the COVID vaccine?

Starting Monday, June 7, Waterloo Region will be accepting requests for an earlier appointment for a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for adults in the 70+ age group, as well as individuals who received their first dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) on or before April 18.

Today, the Province announced it is expanding accelerated second doses ahead of schedule due to an increasing supply of vaccines.

Individuals 70+, and those who received a first dose of Moderna or Pfizer on or before April 18, can request a second dose at a shortened interval by completing a form on the Region of Waterloo website: [regionofwaterloo.ca/seconddose](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CSOrd%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5COpenText%5CDM%5CTemp%5Cregionofwaterloo.ca%5Cseconddose).

Depending on the volume of requests and vaccine supply, it may take 2-4 weeks to be contacted about an earlier second-dose appointment. As a result, those who already have a second-dose appointment scheduled in the next few weeks are being encouraged to keep their original second-dose appointment.

After COVID-19 vaccination, it is important to keep following safety measures such as wearing a mask in public places and practicing physical distancing with those outside of your household.