

RHRA Recommendation on COVID-19 Immunization Policy

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The RHRA COVID-19 immunization policy sets out a recommendation for retirement homes to consider. Homes may decide to implement stronger measures provided that those measures are consistent with the *Retirement Homes Act* and all other applicable legal and statutory obligations. The RHRA recommendation regarding an immunization policy is voluntary. The RHRA will not be providing guidelines on compliance or prescribing specific ways to implement any such policy, such as how to prove a vaccine has been administered or what educational module is acceptable to a licensee. While the RHRA does not endorse any specific COVID-19 vaccine resource or educational program, we are happy to provide direct links to ensure licensees have access to the resources currently available to support the development of their respective policies.

1. Some general resources for more information:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/covid19_vaccine.aspx.

2. General Provincial and Ministry of Health (MOH) materials that have been produced specifically to assist with the vaccine rollout

[COVID-19 Vaccines | Public Health Ontario](#)

[Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines - Canada.ca](#)

[Guidance for COVID-19 Immunization In Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

[Vaccines for COVID-19 - Canada.ca](#)

3. Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA) vaccine webinar link:

[ORCA COVID-19 Vaccine webinar – Vaccinate with Confidence](#)

4. AdvantAge Ontario Educational Vaccine Webpage link:

http://www.advantageontario.ca/AAO/Content/Resources/Advantage_Ontario/COVID-19/Vaccinations-for-COVID-19.aspx.

It is recommended that retirement homes implement a policy on staff and volunteer immunization. In developing their policies, the links provided above may be helpful for retirement homes when considering the RHRA's recommendations on this matter.