

All residents and staff of long-term care in Peel to be vaccinated by January 21: Province

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All staff and residents of long-term care in Peel Region, York Region, Toronto and Windsor-Essex will be vaccinated against COVID-19 by January 21, the Province announced Tuesday.

The Province will accelerate the distribution of the Moderna vaccine in these hotspot areas this week to protect the vulnerable.

"Ontario continues to make important progress in quickly and safely vaccinating our frontline healthcare workers, our most vulnerable, and those at greatest risk, and we continue to administer doses to thousands of Ontarians across the province," said Health Minister Christine Elliott in a statement.

According to the Province, Ontario received over 50,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine from the Federal Government and this shipment will be used for this accelerated pilot program for long-term care and high-risk retirement homes.

"We continue to do everything we can to help stop the spread of this virus and protect our most vulnerable," said Minister of Long-Term Care Dr. Merrilee Fullerton. "While we roll out the vaccine as quickly as possible, we are also providing additional support to help homes detect any cases early so that the virus can be contained."

Added Solicitor General J. and Dufferin-Caledon MPP J. Sylvia Jones: "Ontario continues to follow the expert advice and recommendations of the COVID-19 Distribution Task Force in order to ensure the timely, effective and ethical execution of Ontario's immunization program. This investment, along with prioritizing long-term care homes in areas with high rates of COVID-19, will help protect our most vulnerable residents and keep Ontarians safe."