



## **UPDATE: Process for unaffiliated physicians to support COVID-19 vaccination centre at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital**

Given the emergence of the omicron variant of COVID-19 and to support the renewed focus on vaccination given recommendations for third doses and boosters, Halton Healthcare has re-established its public vaccination centre at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital as of 14 December.

We are cognizant of the severe demands on primary care and community-based physicians, which have only been exacerbated by the pandemic. Nevertheless, some primary care and community-based physicians have indicated they would welcome the opportunity to participate in vaccination. We would therefore like to extend an invitation for them to do so, even if they do not have an existing Halton Healthcare appointment.

We have now established processes so that physicians without existing appointments can apply for temporary privileges.

- Interested primary care and community-based physicians without current appointment/privileges at Halton Healthcare should contact Angela Hobbs, Senior Administrative Assistant at Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team, using [ahobbs@haltonhealthcare.com](mailto:ahobbs@haltonhealthcare.com)
- You will receive a package to apply for temporary privileges, which should be returned to the Halton Healthcare Medical Staff Office. You will be required to provide: confirmation of full vaccination against COVID-19; confirmation of CMPA coverage; and provide a letter of good standing or reference from an employer/clinic/colleague.
- Following confirmation that privileges have been granted, physicians can proceed to schedule shifts using their Halton Healthcare email address (full details will be provided as part of the process)

Physicians supporting vaccination will be eligible to bill OHIP for this work using H409/410 billing codes. The group number required for this will be provided by the Medical Staff Office to physicians scheduled for shifts.

If you require more details information with respect to OHIP billing, please contact your OMA representative and/or review relevant OHIP InfoBulletins.

Please note that granting of temporary privileges will not guarantee that physicians will be allocated to vaccination centre shifts, but is a prerequisite for physicians to work at the Halton Healthcare vaccination centre. Shift scheduling will be based on operational needs and given the urgent efforts required, shifts will be filled at the earliest opportunity.