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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.

- **Interested primary care and community-based physicians who hold existing appointments at Halton Healthcare** should contact Anna Diab at the Medical Staff Office using ADIAB@haltonhealthcare.com
- **For primary care and community-based physicians who do not have current appointments/privileges** we are establishing a process to allow for temporary privileges and will be providing more details over the course of the next week through the Connected Care Ontario Health Team (CCHOHT)

Regardless of whether or not you participate in the Halton Healthcare vaccination centre, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the ongoing work that you are doing in continuing to provide care for patients in our communities.