

May 13, 2021

Hello,

When you received your COVID-19 vaccination, you were provided an immunization record with a comment at the bottom stating **“We will contact you”**. **This is exactly what will happen.**

As you are aware the 2nd dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine would have been originally scheduled in four weeks but was extended to sixteen weeks to allow all Ontario's population to be provided some protection. The roll out was moving faster than anticipated, but for the past three weeks we have had no vaccines as Public Health had to reallocate doses to high priority areas. As of **May 11, 2021, the Ontario Government has suspended the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine.** We have no information as to when vaccinations in Pharmacies will resume or which vaccine will be available. Furthermore, we have not yet had any indication whether patients who had the Astra Zeneca vaccine as their 1st dose, will receive it as their 2nd dose. Studies are being carried out to determine whether two different vaccines can be used for the 1st or 2nd doses.

Unfortunately, since there are so many variables, it is impossible to provide an exact date for your second dose at this time. There remains a large number of Ontarians waiting for their first dose. Rest assured you will be contacted by us for your second dose in the same way we invited you to make an appointment for the first.

The actual date would depend on the availability of the vaccine, whether Kelly's has an immunization clinic on a specific day months ahead, and direction from Public Health regarding the interval between doses.