

# COVID-19 Resources Available for Health Care Professionals

Update to York Region health care providers as of April 16, 2021

## 19 To Zero webinar on COVID-19 Vaccination and Vaccine Hesitancy

Learn about COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine hesitancy from a multidisciplinary panel of health experts, representing [19 To Zero](#), who presented an informative one hour [webinar](#) to over 360 health care providers on March 12, 2021.

This webinar provides information for health care providers about:

- Health Canada's approved COVID-19 vaccines, as well as vaccine candidates not yet approved, their efficacy and side effects, and special considerations for each
- Understanding vaccine hesitancy and building vaccine confidence
- An evidence-based framework for communication with vaccine hesitant individuals
- Vaccine myths and misconceptions

### Featured Panel:

- Dr. Gerald Evans – Chair of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Professor, Queens University and Member of the Ontario Covid-19 Science Advisory Table
- Dr. Cora Constantinescu – Paediatric Infectious Diseases specialist, Alberta Children's Hospital, with the largest Vaccine Hesitancy Clinic in Canada
- Dr. Kelly Grindrod – Associate Professor, University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy and Ontario College of Pharmacists Professor in Pharmacy Innovation

[19 To Zero](#) is committed to supporting health care workers to:

- **Get educated** about COVID-19 vaccines so you can feel confident in your decisions and recommendations
- **Get vaccinated** yourself to keep others safe and demonstrate your commitment to ending the pandemic
- **Get skilled** at having constructive conversations about vaccination with patients

## Access to COVID-19 Advice through eConsult

The [Ontario eConsult Service](#), accessed on the [OTNhub.ca](#), offers easy and timely access to specialist advice, including questions related to COVID-19.

The following specialties are now available through the BASE™ Managed Specialty option through the COVID-19 and Public Health specialty categories, specifically related to COVID-19:

- Infectious Diseases
- Vaccines - Public Health
- Vaccines - Allergy/Immunology
- Autoimmune Disorders
- Pregnancy

The COVID-19 specialties are the only groups that allow for population-based, non-patient specific clinical questions, in addition to the ability to ask patient-specific eConsult questions.



### **COVID-19 Vaccine Allergy Advice**

Health care providers may also ask COVID-19 vaccine allergy-related clinical questions to Allergy and Clinical Immunology Specialists. To find out what types of vaccine allergy questions are best suited for eConsult and obtain frequently requested COVID-19 vaccine allergy information, go to [COVID-19 vaccine allergy advice](#).

For all other information, visit [www.econsultOntario.ca](http://www.econsultOntario.ca) or contact [eConsultCOE@toh.ca](mailto:eConsultCOE@toh.ca).

### **Contact York Region Public Health**

York Region Public Health continues to provide support for health professionals related to COVID-19. You may contact us at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 77280 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please continue to visit [york.ca/COVID19](http://york.ca/COVID19) for important updates about COVID-19 vaccinations in York Region.