

Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccine appointment at St. Joseph's Health Centre

About the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic:

Location:

St. Joseph's Health Centre – Sunnyside Gymnasium
Sunnyside Building, 1st floor – **enter through outside door near parking garage.**
Do not use the COVID-19 Assessment Centre entrance.

There are no washroom facilities available at the St. Joseph's clinic.

Please be advised that the City of Toronto and TTC are currently doing construction work around St. Joseph's. If you are driving, please plan extra time to arrive for your appointment.

Please do not arrive to your appointment more than 10 minutes in advance.

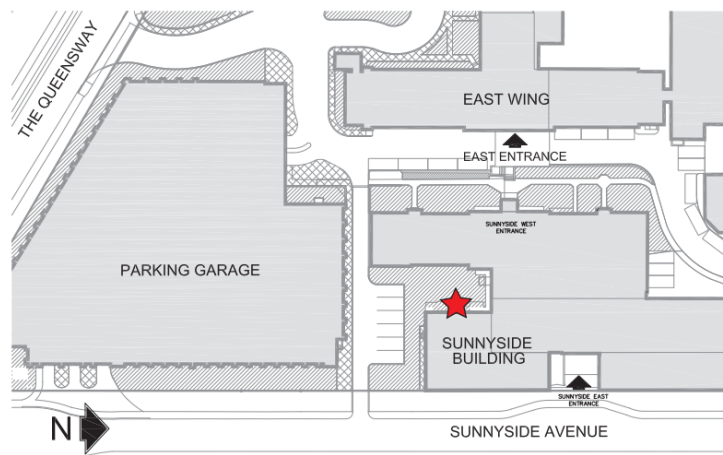
COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Parking Information:

There are two main parking options at St. Joe's Toronto.

The **Main Parking Garage** is located on Sunnyside Avenue. It is open 24-hours.

Limited underground parking is available in the **Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Wing**. It is located off Sunnyside Avenue (just north of the Main Garage).

All parking garages are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and offer accessible parking spots.



Rates	
Up to 1/2 hour	\$2.50
Up to 1 hour	\$5
Up to 2 hours	\$10
Daily maximum	\$15

Public Transit from the Dundas West Subway Station

1. Take the 504 streetcar south on Roncesvalles Avenue.
2. Get off at the Queen Street/Queensway stop and walk west on The Queensway past the TTC streetcar yard for five minutes.

Public Transit from the Queen or Osgoode Subway Stations

1. Exit either station, and take the Queen 501 streetcar westbound.
2. Get off at the St. Joseph's stop, the first stop past Roncesvalles Avenue.

Public Transit from the King or St. Andrew Subway Stations

1. Exit either station, and take the King 504 streetcar westbound.
2. Get off at the Queen Street/Queensway stop, and walk west past the TTC streetcar yard for five minutes.

Public Transit on the Queen Street Streetcar – Westbound

1. Take the Queen 501 streetcar (either Humber or Long Branch) westbound.
2. Get off at the St. Joseph's stop, the first stop past Roncesvalles Avenue.

Public Transit on the Queen Street Streetcar – Eastbound

1. Take the 501 streetcar (Neville Park) eastbound on the Queensway.
2. Get off at the St. Joseph's stop, the first stop past Parkside Drive.

Public Transit on the King Street Streetcar – Westbound

1. Take the King 504 streetcar (Dundas West Station via King Street) westbound.
2. Get off at the Queen Street/Queensway stop, and walk west past the TTC streetcar yard for five minutes.

Public Transit on the 402 Parkdale Community Bus

This local service TTC bus is wheelchair accessible, and runs between Springhurst Avenue in the south and Bloor Street in the north, along Lansdowne and Dufferin Streets. It can stop at any point along the route and drivers will assist passengers on and off the bus if requested. The buses stop at the Health Centre on an hourly basis. Please call 416-393-4636 for information.

Wheel-Trans on Public Transit

Wheel-Trans provides door-to-door wheelchair-accessible transit service 7 days a week, weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and weekends and holidays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Regular TTC fares apply. Please call 416-393-4111 to book a pick up time.

What to expect at your appointment:

At this point in time, our clinics at Unity Health are vaccinating with the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

Only those with scheduled appointments will be allowed to enter. You may bring one support person if you have a language barrier or a significant mobility issue.

What to wear:

- Wear a top that allows your arm to be easily accessed (example: button down shirt or t-shirt)
- Wear a mask

What to bring:

- Your health card or other government-issued photo ID, if you have one. You can still receive a vaccine if you do not have a health card or government-issued ID.
- Signed copy of the vaccine consent form. If you answered yes to any of the questions on the consent form, we may not be able to vaccinate you. Please speak to your healthcare provider before your appointment.
- A pen

What to expect when I arrive:

The appointment is expected to be approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour.

- **At the entrance:** Wait in the line outside. We aim to keep wait times as short as possible.
- **Screening:** You will be asked if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Registration:** A member of the clinic team will check you into the clinic's registration system.
- **Get the vaccine:** A member of the vaccination team will review the consent form with you and give you the vaccine.
- **Recovery:** Wait in the recovery area for 15 minutes after your vaccination.

After you receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

Similar to medications and other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine can cause mild side effects that do not last very long. The most common side effects include:

- pain
- redness or swelling at the injection site
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain
- chills
- joint pain
- fever

A cool damp cloth where the vaccine was given may help with soreness and, if needed, pain or fever medication (such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) may help with pain or fever.

Serious side effects after receiving the vaccine are rare. If you develop any of the following serious reactions within three days of receiving the vaccine, seek medical attention right away or call 911 if you are severely unwell:

- hives
- swelling of the face or mouth
- trouble breathing

- very pale colour and serious drowsiness
- high fever (over 40°C)
- convulsions or seizures
- other serious symptoms (e.g., “pins and needles” or numbness)

Getting your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine:

In order for your body to build up protection against the virus, you will need to receive a second dose at St. Joseph’s Health Centre.

You will receive confirmation of your second dose appointment after you receive your first dose. If a cancellation is required for second dose appointments, please contact the clinic at 416-864-5802.

How to stay safe:

Continue to follow public health measures including wearing a mask, staying at least 2 metres from others and limiting/avoiding contact with others outside your household even if you are vaccinated.