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COVID-19 Immunization Update

Please print and share with your teams as needed

Dear staff, physicians and volunteers,

Please find the enclosed COVID-19 immunization update. Information is also available on our [COVID-19 website](#), and will be consolidated in the regular Friday staff emails.

Today's Update

- **By the numbers**
- **Paramedics and emergency medical technicians now eligible to receive COVID-19 immunization**
- **Appointment text reminders running**
- **Survey - do you plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine?**
- **Vaccine safety – did you know?**
- **Questions**

By the numbers

As of 3 p.m. January 11, more than 48,000 Albertans received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including:

- 20,500+ Healthcare workers
- 16,000+ Long Term Care (LTC) and Designated Supportive Living (DSL) staff
- 12,000+ LTC/DSL residents

Paramedics and emergency medical technicians now eligible to receive COVID-19 immunization

As announced today (Jan. 11) by Alberta Health, paramedics and emergency medical technicians staff are now eligible for COVID-19 immunization in all zones.

EMS staff will be contacted via email to schedule immunization. Please ensure you are regularly checking your AHS e-mail for instructions.

This is in addition to the COVID-19 unit and medical / surgical unit staff and physicians who became eligible for COVID-19 immunization on Jan. 8.

Appointment text reminders running

More than 11,800 text messages were sent to eligible staff today reminding them to go into their email to book their appointments. Please check your email as the booking link provided is specific to each individual, and be sure to book your immunization appointment as soon as possible.

Survey - do you plan to get immunized against COVID-19?

All eligible healthcare workers identified to receive COVID-19 immunization in the current phase will be directly notified by AHS via email. Included in this email is a quick survey, which we invite you to participate in. You may complete this survey anonymously and information collected will inform our understanding of healthcare workers' perspectives towards the COVID-19 vaccine and immunization. You may also complete the [survey here](#).

Vaccine safety – did you know?

Once a vaccine has been authorized for use, its safety and effectiveness continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis. [Surveillance](#) for side effects potentially linked to vaccines is an important part of all vaccination programs. Millions of doses of vaccine have now been administered around the world and the side effects have not been any more frequent or more serious than what was seen in clinical trials.

Have a question?

The full list of current vaccine delivery phases is available on the [Alberta Health website](#).

If you have any questions about the vaccine rollout, contact your supervisor or medical leader or see the [Staff FAQ](#). Additional information can be found on ahs.ca/covidvaccine. If you have a specific question that is not addressed, please submit your question using this [online form](#).

Sincerely,

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