



Message from
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COVID-19 Immunization Update

Please print and share with your teams as needed

Dear staff, physicians and volunteers,

To keep staff and stakeholders informed about vaccine rollout progress, AHS will share regular updates over the next several weeks. Information is also available on our [COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#), and will be consolidated in the regular Friday staff emails.

Today's Update

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By the Numbers

As of 5:05 p.m. January 26, more than 100,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, including:

- 43,600+ Healthcare workers
- 27,500+ Long Term Care (LTC) and Designated Supportive Living (DSL) residents
- 28,400+ LTC/DSL staff
- 11,200 Albertans that have received both Dose 1 & Dose 2

Postponing First and Second Dose Appointments

More than 30,000 notifications went out this past week to notify staff across the province about second dose vaccine appointments being rescheduled, and first appointments being postponed as a result of depleted vaccine supply in Alberta.

Over the past few days we also experienced some technical issues with the online appointment booking tool. These are now resolved.

We thank everyone for their patience as we work through our vaccine roll out and want to remind everyone whose second dose appointment is being rescheduled

that they will be contacted directly by AHS via email, text or phone call to rebook their appointment this week.

We will be allocating the vaccine we do have to those who require a second dose. For all populations except residents of LTC and DSL, the recommended spacing between dose one and dose two is up to 42 days. This spacing is recommended by both Alberta Health, and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Those needing to rebook their second dose will be provided a new appointment time 38-42 days after their first dose. In some instances, appointments may only be moved by a few days. Every day is critical to our current vaccine supply to ensure all Albertans can be immunized within the recommended timeline. If you have been asked to rebook your second dose, please do so as soon as possible.

Waiting to receive the vaccine can be a stressful and challenging time. If you need support, please reach out to the:

- [Employee and Family Assistance Program \(EFAP\)](#), which can be reached by calling 1-877-273-3134.
- [Physician and Family Support Program \(PFSP\)](#) by the Alberta Medical Association. The support line at 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637) is available 24-7.

Vaccine Sequencing for Healthcare Workers & Top Questions

Since the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine began, we've been receiving questions from staff, physicians, partners and the public on immunization sequencing: who will be immunized when, in what order, and why some groups are chosen to go before others.

To help answer these questions, we've developed the following resources:

- [Vaccine Sequencing for Healthcare Workers webpage](#) - outlines sequencing considerations and the role of the COVID-19 Vaccine Sequencing for Healthcare Workers Committee
- The [pdf version](#), which can be printed and shared with your teams, includes more information on sequencing rationale, where we are now and where we are heading
- [Top COVID-19 vaccine sequencing questions](#) – addresses questions staff may have about sequencing and eligibility

Complete your “Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form”

For staff and physicians who have received their COVID-19 immunization, please fill out the “Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form” on [Insite](#). It's important that employees report their immunization status after receiving their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This information will be used by AHS to appropriately plan, manage and allocate resources in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak to protect our patients, families and healthcare workers.

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 your specific question is not addressed, please email AHSVaccineTaskforce@ahs.ca.

Sincerely,

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Healthy Communities.
Together.

