



Message from
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Rollout of Phase 2C for Healthcare Workers

To all staff, physicians and volunteers,

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is marking another milestone in our COVID-19 immunization journey, with the rollout to a broad group of healthcare workers who will be eligible for COVID-19 immunization beginning Monday, April 12, as a part of the [Government's Phase 2C group](#).

Beginning Monday, April 12 at 8 a.m., healthcare workers in patient care facilities or who provide services directly to clients in the community will be eligible to book a COVID-19 immunization appointment. This includes students undertaking placement practicums in clinical areas, volunteers, and contracted providers for Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, Alberta Precision Labs, DynaLife. It also includes regulated health care professionals and their office or support staff.

This cohort includes more than 240,000 eligible health care workers. We anticipate that incoming vaccine supplies over the next 3 - 4 weeks will allow all who are eligible to book appointments during this timeframe, if they want the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

Those who are eligible will have the option to book via the [AHS online booking tool](#), or through a [participating pharmacy](#).

If you are unable to find an appointment, we ask that you please be patient. We expect additional appointments will open up over the following days and weeks as supply allows.

Regular updates will be made on the AHS website and we encourage everyone who would like to book an appointment to continue checking ahs.ca/covidvaccine to see if appointments are available in their zone through AHS and participating pharmacies.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to work to immunize as many Albertans as possible.

Once a person becomes eligible, they remain eligible, and will be able to book as appointments become available.

They will need to provide personal identification that contains a birth date and proof of employment or professional registration (employee ID card, letter of employment or placement) when attending their immunization appointments with Alberta Health Services or at community pharmacies.

Eligibility notification letters will be emailed in the coming days. If you believe you are eligible and have not received your letter by April 15, please speak with your manager. Please do not call Health Link about your eligibility letter.

Physicians may provide identification that contains a birth date and their College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta identification. They will not be receiving an eligibility letter.

For more information about healthcare workers eligible in Phase 2C and how to book an appointment, please see our [FAQ](#).

We anticipate high demand for appointments in the next several days and we ask everyone to be patient.

We know everyone is anxious to book appointments and get their immunization. This will happen, and is being guided by vaccine availability. We will continue to open up appointments as more supply is available.

This rollout will provide protection to patients and clients accessing care across the healthcare system, reducing the risk of healthcare workers becoming infected or spreading the virus to others.

More than 1.7 million Albertans will now be eligible to book the COVID-19 vaccine under Alberta's vaccine rollout.

Anyone eligible in Phase 1, 2A or 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't yet received the vaccine can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS. Albertans age 55-64 can also book appointments to receive the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine.

Due to limited vaccine supply, all other groups in [Phase 2C](#) will become eligible in the coming weeks. Albertans eligible for vaccinations in later stages of Phase 2C include:

- Residents and support staff at eligible congregate living and work settings at risk for large outbreaks, including: correctional facilities, front-line policing and provincial sheriffs, homeless shelters, meatpacking plants, and group homes for disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living.
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes:
 - All designated family/support people of those individuals in long term care, designated supportive living and licensed supportive living facilities.

- Up to 2 caregivers for children under 16 who have an eligible chronic condition but are unable to receive vaccine due to age.

Thank you again for the extraordinary work you do and for your kindness, patience and understanding as we work to immunize as many Albertans as possible.

Sincerely,

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