

## Expanding Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine rollout

February 19, 2021

---

More than 1.79 million Albertans will receive the COVID-19 vaccine this spring under Phase 2 of Alberta's vaccine distribution strategy.

Phase 2 vaccinations will be offered in a staged approach and once completed, will have vaccinated anyone aged 50 to 74 years, anyone with high-risk underlying health conditions, First Nations and Métis people aged 35 and older, residents and staff in congregate living settings, and eligible caregivers.

Phase 2 is targeted to begin in April, depending on the supply of vaccine.

"Alberta's vaccine roll-out has always prioritized people who are most at risk from COVID-19 and Phase 2 is no different. We have listened to advice from public health experts and our Vaccine Task Force to identify those at-risk Albertans. By the time Phase 2 is complete, 1.79 million more Albertans will have received COVID-19 vaccination, and we will be able to move onto vaccinating the general public. Our province is ready to get vaccines into the arms of Albertans as quickly as possible. However, this relies on Alberta getting the right supply of vaccines from Ottawa, on time. We need the federal government to end the delays so we can get the job done."

— *Jason Kenney, Premier*

"Alberta's vaccine delivery program is among the best and will continue to ramp-up as we get more supply. The more vaccine that arrives in Alberta, the faster we can get to Phase 2 and begin immunizing many, many more Albertans. The pandemic is not over, but we are steadily building our defences against it."

— *Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health*

Eligibility in Phase 2 will move from Group A toward Group D:

- Group A includes:
  - Albertans aged 65 to 74, no matter where they live.
  - First Nations and Métis people aged 50 to 64, on and off reserve or Metis Settlements.
  - Staff of licensed supportive living facilities not included in Phase 1.
- Group B includes:
  - Albertans aged 18 to 64 with high-risk underlying health conditions. Additional information on specific conditions will be provided prior to Phase 2 rollout.
- Group C includes:

- Residents and staff of eligible congregate living settings. This includes correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and group homes, including disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living.
- Health-care workers providing direct and acute patient care who have a high potential for spread to high-risk individuals.
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes.
- Group D includes:
  - Albertans aged 50 to 64, no matter where they live.
  - First Nations and Métis people aged 35 to 49 on and off reserve or Metis Settlements.

Detailed information on how eligible Albertans will receive the vaccine will be released prior to each step in Phase 2. The timeline for starting each phase is dependent on vaccine supply and availability. Alberta relies on the federal government to distribute vaccine to the province.

Work to identify sequencing for all other groups is underway.

All vaccinated individuals are expected to continue to follow health guidelines and restrictions.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.

## Related information

- [COVID-19 vaccine in Alberta](#)

## Multimedia

- [Watch the news conference](#)
- [View the event photos](#) (*will be available after the event*)

## Media inquiries

[Jerrica Goodwin](#)

587-988-3278

Press Secretary, Office of the Premier

[Tom McMillan](#)

780-422-4905

Assistant Director of Communications, Health

For more government translated resources, please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-translated-resources.aspx>.