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We acknowledge that the lands on which we are hosting this meeting include the traditional territories of many nations.

The OCFP and DFCM recognize that the many injustices experienced by the Indigenous Peoples of what we now call Canada continue to affect their health and well-being. The OCFP and DFCM respect that Indigenous people have rich cultural and traditional practices that have been known to improve health outcomes.

I invite all of us to reflect on the territories you are calling in from as we commit ourselves to gaining knowledge; forging a new, culturally safe relationship; and contributing to reconciliation.

Medical experimentation and the roots of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among Indigenous Peoples in Canada

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As the second wave of the pandemic sees case numbers rise to dangerous levels across the country, it has become clear that Indigenous people are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The figures released by the Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team reflect this vulnerability. Despite making up just over 10% of the total population of the province, First Nations people make up 71% of active cases with COVID-19 and 50% of patients in the intensive care unit; the median age of death from COVID-19 for First Nations people is 66 compared with the provincial median of 83 for Manitobans, overall.¹

This should come as no surprise to anyone who has read the dozens of studies, reports and royal commission findings published during the past two decades. Study after study has shown the vulnerability of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities to health crises like the one we are currently facing. This vulnerability is very much the product of a Canadian colonial policy regime that has guaranteed that Indigenous Peoples have reduced access to adequate health care, healthy food and clean water, while also experiencing much greater levels of



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Changing the way we work

A community of practice for family physicians during COVID-19

At the conclusion of this series participants will be able to:

- Identify the current best practices for delivery of primary care within the context of COVID-19 and how to incorporate into practice.
- Describe point-of-care resources and tools available to guide decision making and plan of care.
- Connect with a community of family physicians to identify practical solutions for their primary care practice under current conditions.

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<https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice/past-sessions>

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Where are we from (outside the GTA)?



Questions we've received from YOU:

Vaccine safety, efficacy, and use

1. What is the efficacy & safety of the AstraZeneca and Janssen/J&J vaccines? How does this compare to the mRNA vaccines? Who should/shouldn't it be used for?
2. How do the new variants impact vaccine efficacy
3. What is the evidence supporting the decision to lengthen the second dose to 4 months? What risks are there?
4. Will people have a choice of vaccine? Can they be mixed and matched?
5. What is the emerging evidence re: the impact of vaccination on transmission? Do we need to keep up with public health measures after vaccination?

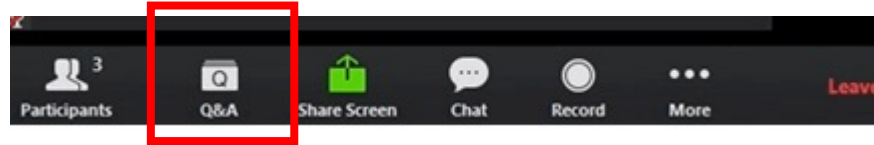
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Vaccine roll out

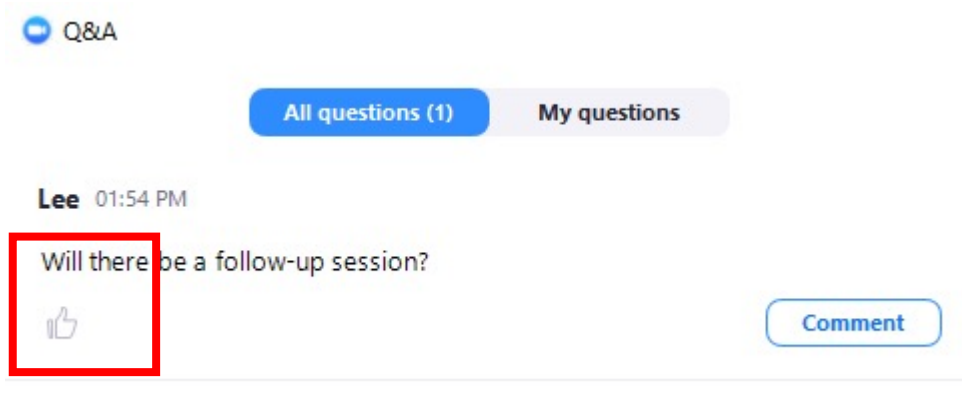
1. What role will primary care play? What role will pharmacies have?
2. How can I work with my local public health unit?
3. How can I prepare to run a mass immunization clinic?
4. Will I need to enter data into COVAX? How will I get access/training? What functionality will it offer?
5. How are homebound individuals being vaccinated? Which chronic conditions are part of Phase 2?

How to Participate

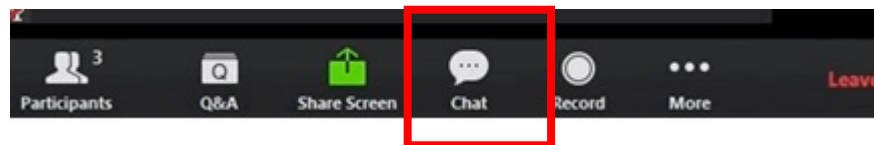
- All questions should be asked using the Q&A function at the bottom of your screen.



- Press the thumbs up button to upvote another guests questions. Upvote a question if you want to ask a similar question or want to see a guest's question go to the top and catch the panels attention.



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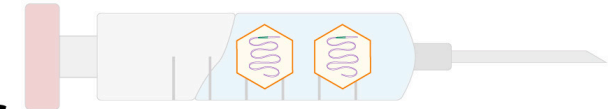
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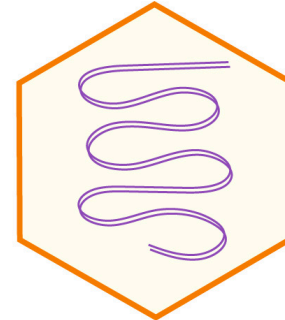
How do Viral Vector Vaccines work?

viral vector vaccines



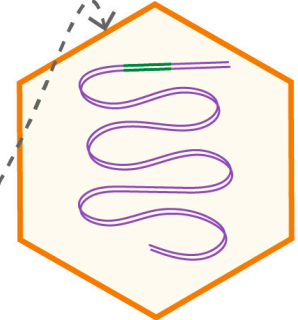
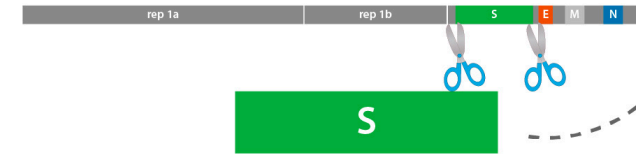
take a different (harmless) virus...

it's already "designed" to get viral genetic info (DNA or RNA) into cells - it "knows" how to get inside, and it offers plenty of protection for the DNA or RNA along the way
you just need to tell it what to make...



this virus wouldn't normally make the coronavirus **Spike protein**...

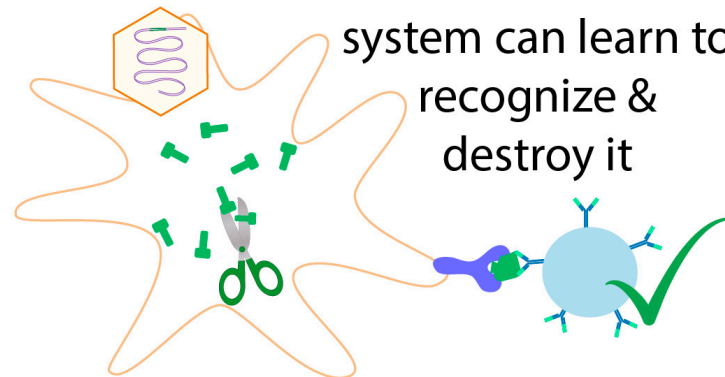
& stick in the instructions for making a SARS-Cov-2 protein



...but now it does

so when it infects cells, the SARS-Cov-2 protein gets made

and the immune system can learn to recognize & destroy it



some of the viral vectors (often the adenovirus ones) also have a piece cut out so that the virus can't make a protein it needs to replicate

so you might hear about **replicating** & **non-replicating** viral vectors



AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 Vaccine

• The Vaccine

- Adenovirus based vaccine, non replicating vector (can invade but not replicate)
- 2 doses, 4-12 weeks apart
- Approved for individuals 18+ years of age, recommended ages 18-64

• Trials

- Almost 24,000 participants (Brazil, UK, S. Africa)
- 62% efficacy, 90% in those of lower dose followed by standard dose
- 2 different manufacturing sites: UK and EU
 - Different viral particles in each, so one had twice the amount of other
 - Also range of duration between first and second doses: some second dose 28 days to 12 weeks
 - Seems the lower dose followed by higher dose combination may show higher efficacy
 - Postulated to be due to increased duration of time to second dose

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

• The Vaccine

- Adenovirus based vaccine
- One dose vaccine
- Approved for individuals 18+ years of age

• Trials

- Global Phase 3: ENSEMBLE Trial: 28 days after vaccination
 - Safety and efficacy data are based on 43,783 participants accruing 468 symptomatic cases of COVID-19
 - 72% effective in US and 66% overall at preventing moderate-severe COVID-19
 - 57% effective in South Africa
 - 85% effective at preventing severe disease and death
 - No allergic reactions
 - Fever 9%
 - Serious side effects more common in placebo than in vaccine group

Comparison of Vaccine Efficacy

Vaccine	Effectiveness against serious illness	Effectiveness 14d after Dose 1 (95% CI)	Effectiveness 7-14d after Dose 2 (95% CI)
Pfizer	75-100% (after dose 2)	93% (69-98%)	95% (90-98%)
Moderna	100% (14d after dose 2)	92% (69-99%)	94.1% (89-97%)
AstraZeneca	100% (after dose 2)	76% (59-86%)	81.6% (47-93.6%)
Janssen	85.4% (28d after single dose)	66%	N/A

Vaccine Efficacy to VOCs – mRNA

Vaccines	B.1.1.7 (identified in UK)	B.1.351 (identified in South Africa)	P.1 and P.2 (identified in Brazil)
Pfizer-BioNTech (mRNA)	<p>(1) Sera of 40 vaccinated participants (2 doses)²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slightly reduced but overall, largely preserved neutralizing titers <p>(2) Sera of 24 vaccinated participants (3 weeks post 1 dose)³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modestly reduced neutralizing titers <p>(3) Sera of 10 vaccinated participants (2 doses)⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small (~2-fold) loss of neutralizing activity 	<p>(1) Sera of 20 vaccinated participants (2 doses) against three engineered viruses with key mutations⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slightly reduced neutralization against the virus with the three key mutations present in B.1.351 (E484K+N501Y+D614G) <p>(2) Sera of 10 vaccinated participants (2 doses)⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small (~6.5-fold) but significant loss of neutralizing activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited data
Moderna (mRNA)	<p>(1) Sera of 40 vaccinated participants (11 samples from 29 days post-dose 1; 29 samples from 28 days post-dose 2)⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slightly reduced (~1.5-fold) neutralizing titers - Sera with weaker neutralizing activity exhibited a more substantial reduction in activity (mainly sera collected post-dose 1) <p>(2) Sera of 12 vaccinated participants (2 doses)⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small (~1.8-fold) loss of neutralizing activity 	<p>(1) Sera of 8 previously vaccinated participants⁸</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immune sera had reduced but still significant neutralization against B.1.351 → 3 mutations (K417N+E484K+N501Y) = 2.7-fold reduction; Full set of mutations = 6.4-fold reduction <p>(2) Sera of 12 vaccinated participants (2 doses)⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small (~8.6-fold) but significant loss of neutralizing activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited data

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2. Muik et al. Science. 2021.

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Table courtesy of CIHR

*No clinical trial data, all are *in vitro*, lab-based studies

Vaccine Efficacy to VOCs – Viral Vector

Vaccines	B.1.1.7 (identified in UK)	B.1.351 (identified in South Africa)	P.1 and P.2 (identified in Brazil)
AstraZeneca (viral vector)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine efficacy was 74.6%, which is similar to that seen against non-B.1.1.7 disease (84.1%)² Virus neutralization activity by vaccine-induced antibodies was 9-fold lower against B.1.1.7 variant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~10.4% efficacy (~2000 participants; average age of 31) in phase Ia/Ib study in South Africa; 19 cases in vaccine group vs 20 cases in placebo group³ Compared to vaccine efficacy of >75% at 14 days after 1st dose against non-B.1.351 variant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not tested, however one of the trials is specifically in Brazil, so data may be pending
Janssen (J&J) (viral vector; one shot)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~57% efficacy (6, 576 participants) in South Africa where ~95% of SARS-CoV-2 cases were attributed to B.1.351⁴ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not specific to P.1 and/or P.2 but efficacy did not significantly wane in Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru) (17, 905 participants)

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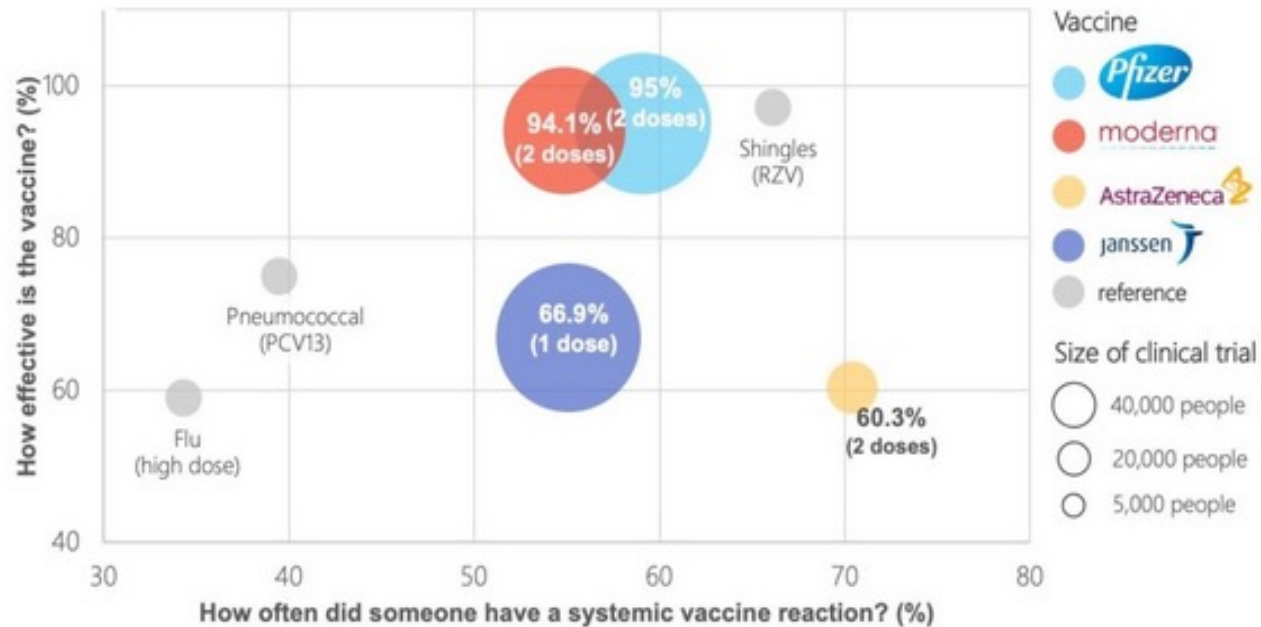
4. [Johnson & Johnson Announces Single-Shot Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Met Primary Endpoints in Interim Analysis of its Phase 3 ENSEMBLE Trial.](#) 2021.

So, which vaccine should I/my patients get?

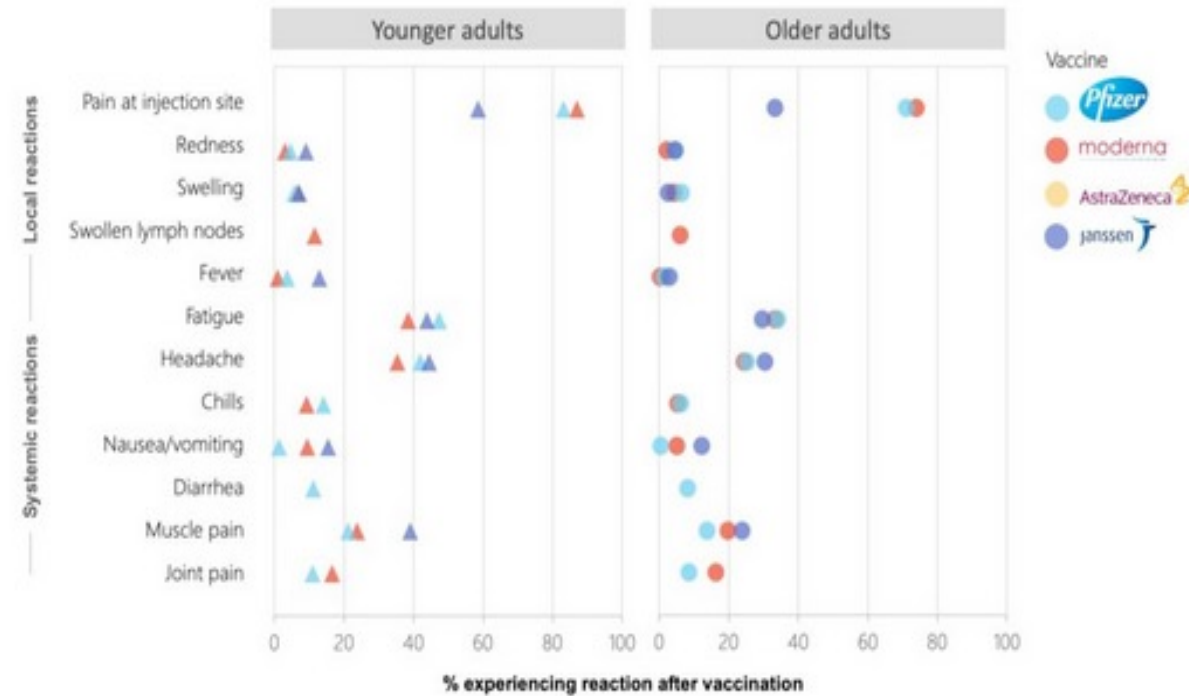
- All of the Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines are well studied, safe, effective
- Many people are at high risk of COVID-19 exposure and associated illness
- Experts agree that the best COVID-19 vaccine is the one that reaches your arm first

Comparing vaccines: efficacy, safety, and side effects

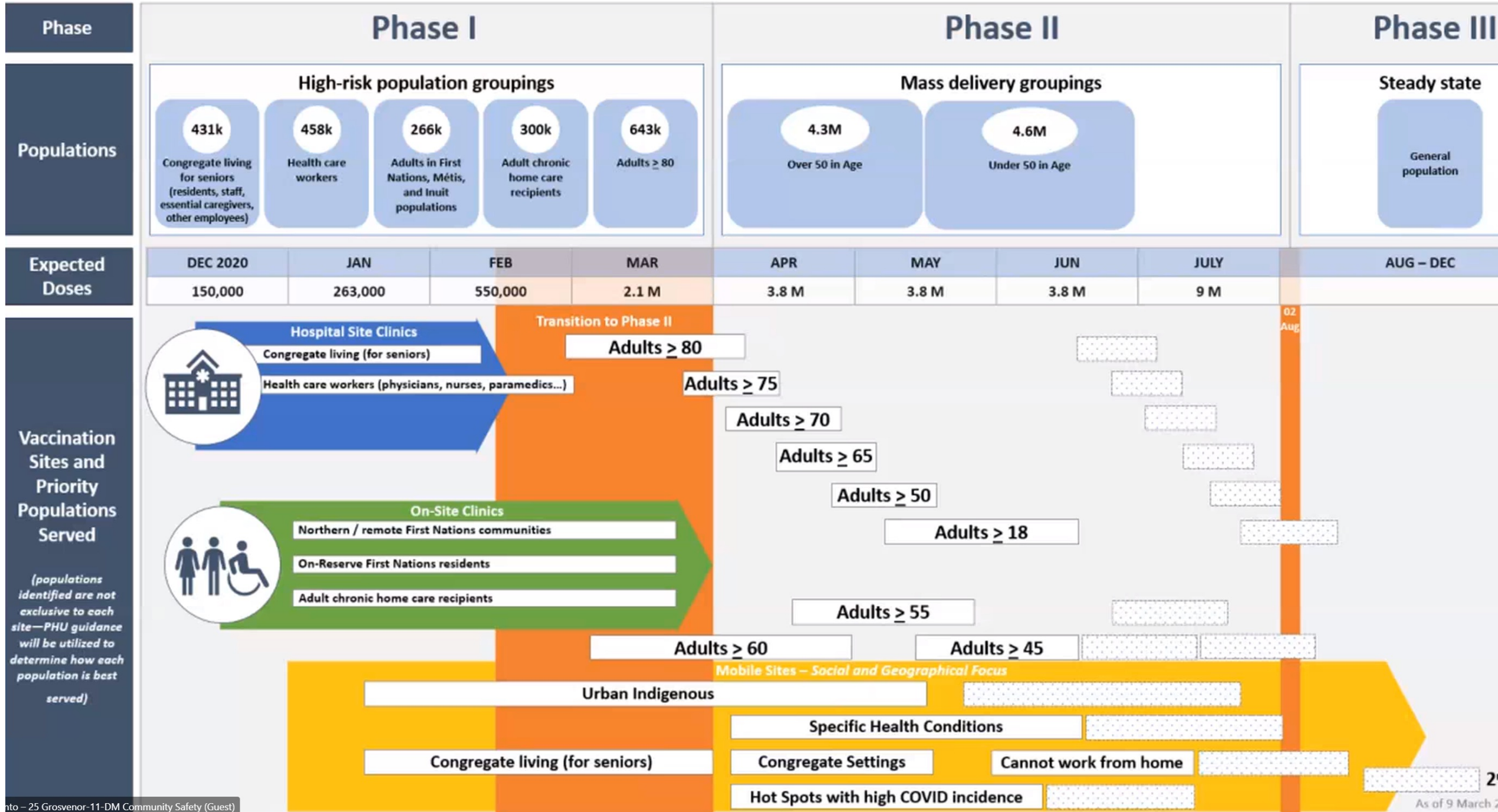
Efficacy vs. safety of COVID-19 vaccines



Vaccine side effects in younger vs. older adults



https://healthydebate.ca/2021/03/topic/comparing-vaccines/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=what-you-need-to-know-about-vaccines_6



Ontario's Plan Recap

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario#ontario%E2%80%99s-vaccination-plan>

Phase 1 High-risk populations (~ 1.8 million)	Phase 2 Mass deliveries of vaccines (~ 9 million)	Phase 3 Steady state
December 2020 – March 2021	April 2021 – July 2021	July 2021 Onwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congregate living for seniors• Health care workers• Adults in First Nations, Métis and Inuit populations• Adult chronic home care recipients• Adults over 80 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults aged 60-79, in 5-year increments• High-risk congregate settings (e.g., shelters, community living)• Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions and their caregivers• Cannot work from home• At-risk populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults 59 years and younger
Distribution through: hospital site clinics, mobile teams, site-specific clinics, and mass vaccination clinics (late March).	Distribution through: mass vaccination clinics, pharmacies, primary care, site-specific clinics, mobile teams, mobile sites, public health units	Distribution through: mass vaccination clinics, pharmacies, primary care, site-specific clinics, mobile teams, mobile sites, public health units

Note: Timelines are estimates and may change dependent on vaccine supply

Current Status: Completing Phase One (Dec 2020 – Mar 2021)



Over **820,000** Doses administered



Nearly **80%** LTC residents fully immunized






Over **67%** LTC Staff received at least 1 dose



Over **89%** RH residents received at least 1 dose



Over **52%** RH Staff received at least 1 dose

	Vaccination Groups	LTC Homes	Retirement Homes
 Residents	Substantially Completed	Underway	
 Caregivers	Underway	Underway	
 Staff and Front-Line Workers	Underway	Underway	
80+ Underway (over 14% have received 1 st dose)	Remote and FN Underway		

As of Mar. 4, 8 p.m.

100% of the Operation Remote Immunity 31 fly-in communities and Moosonee have been visited for a 1st dose

Vaccine Supply Update

Over the coming weeks, Ontario expects to receive more vaccines from the federal government, allowing the province to map out the transition to Phase Two of the rollout, which expands to more Ontarians.

- **Pfizer-BioNTech**

- March 1 and 8: 173,160 doses each week
- March 15 and 22: 174,330 doses each week
- March 29: 175,500 doses
- April 5 and 12: 298,350 doses each week

- **Moderna**

- Week of March 8: 160,500 doses
- Week of March 22: 323,200 doses

- Ontario is expected to receive 194,500 doses of AstraZeneca the week of March 8 (although specific timing is still to be confirmed by the federal government)

Phase Two (April 2021 – July 2021)

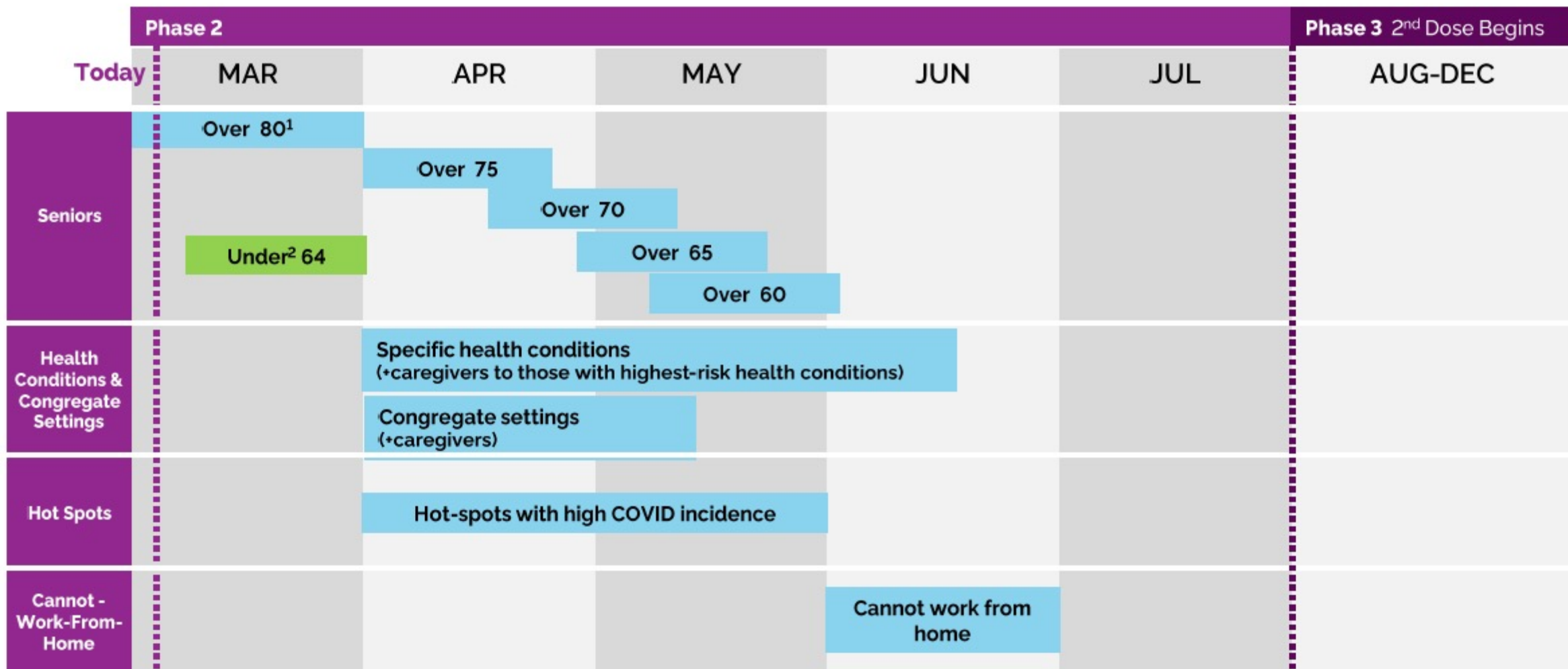
Following the best scientific evidence, phase two of Ontario's vaccination distribution plan will continue vaccinating the population based on **age and risk** to prevent further death, hospitalization and transmission:

Relative Emphasis	1. AGE	Population Size
	Seniors Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older Ontarians (60-79), who are at greatest risk of death and hospitalization due to COVID-19, will be targeted through a multi-channel approach. 	2.5 Million
	2. AT-RISK	
	Health Conditions and Congregate Settings Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health conditions: A targeted rollout, leveraging primary care and speciality clinics, to vaccinate individuals with specific health conditions (e.g., transplants) and some primary caregivers. Congregate settings: Targeted outreach to staff, residents and some caregivers in high-risk congregate settings to prevent further deaths and outbreaks. 	Health Conditions 2.9 Million Congregate Settings Strategy 0.2 Million
	Hot Spot Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHUs will apply their local expertise and evidence to target based on age and risk; Some PHUs will receive additional doses to also target ongoing hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalization and transmission². Vaccinations in hot spots will continue to focus on age. 	0.9 Million
Cannot-Work-From-Home Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep workers safe, and protect essential services, by vaccinating those who cannot work from home. The workers who cannot work from home (see appendix for list of the sectors) will receive vaccines at the end of Phase 2 (anticipated July 2021 dependent on supply). 	2.5 Million*	

*The workers' population estimate does not remove double counting (i.e., some workers may get vaccinated through any one of the strategies above).

Phase Two Sequencing

The timelines for completing Phase Two and vaccinating the general population in Phase Three are dependent on several factors awaiting clarification at this time, including vaccine supply and uptake which is estimated at 75%. **The sequencing below can be applied in any vaccine supply scenario.**



Pfizer/Moderna, assumed dosage interval of 4 months.

In decreasing age bands will be offered AstraZeneca (older adults may also choose to access this vaccine.

Eligible Health Conditions

Individuals with the following health conditions will be vaccinated in Phase 2:

Highest-risk (442K)

- Organ transplant recipients
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients
- People with neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised (e.g., motor neuron disease, myasthenia gravis, multiple sclerosis)
- Haematological malignancy diagnosed <1 year
- Kidney disease eGFR < 30

High-risk (292K)

- Obesity (BMI > 40)
- Other treatments causing immunosuppression (e.g., chemotherapy, immunity- weakening medications)
- Intellectual or developmental disabilities (e.g., Down Syndrome)

At-risk (2.2M)

- Immune deficiencies/ autoimmune disorders
- Stroke/cerebrovascular disease
- Dementia
- Diabetes
- Liver disease
- All other cancers
- Respiratory diseases
- Spleen problems
- Heart disease
- Hypertension with end organ damage
- Diagnosis of mental disorder
- Substance use disorders
- Thalassemia
- Pregnancy
- Immunocompromising health conditions
- Other disabilities requiring direct support care in the community

Hot Spots

Populations across all public health units at greatest risk will receive vaccinations in Phase 2; however, 13 public health units will receive additional doses (up to 920k) to target **historic and ongoing hot spots** with high rates of death, hospitalization and transmission. Note these do not correspond to the COVID-19 Response Framework.

To identify hot spots, PHUs will use their local knowledge and expertise, as well as provincial data and information from the Science Table.

- Durham
- Halton
- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Ottawa
- Peel
- Simcoe Muskoka
- Waterloo
- Wellington Dufferin Guelph
- Windsor Essex
- York
- Toronto
- South West

Older adults in these regions may be vaccinated earlier in Phase Two than older individuals in non-hot spots given evidence of increased risk of death, severe illness and hospitalization in these regions.

Congregate Settings

At-risk staff, essential caregivers and residents (158K) from the following list of congregate settings will be vaccinated in Phase 2:

- Supportive housing
- Developmental services / intervenor and supported independent living (SIL)
- Emergency homeless shelters
- Other homeless populations not in shelters
- Mental health and addictions congregate settings
- Homes for special care
- Violence Against Women (VAW) shelters and Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) residents
- Children's residential facilities
- Youth justice facilities
- Indigenous healing and wellness
- Provincial and demonstration schools
- On-farm temporary foreign workers
- Bail beds & Indigenous bail beds
- Adult correctional facilities

Caregivers in select congregate care settings:

- Developmental services, mental health and addictions congregate settings, homes for special care, children's residential facilities, and Indigenous healing and wellness will be vaccinated as part of the vaccine roll-out in congregate settings
- These caregivers would be vaccinated at the same time as residents and staff in congregate settings using a programmatic approach

Cannot Work From Home

Workers who cannot work from home in the following sectors will receive vaccines at the end of Phase Two:

First group of workers unable to work remotely (730K) to be vaccinated in parallel:

- Elementary/ secondary school staff
- Workers responding to critical events (e.g., police, fire, compliance, funeral, special constables)
- Childcare and licenced foster care workers
- Food manufacturing workers
- Agriculture and farm workers

Remaining workers unable to work remotely (1.4M) to be vaccinated in parallel:

- High-risk and critical retail workers (grocery and pharmacies)
- Remaining manufacturing labourers
- Social workers (incl. youth justice)
- Courts and justice system workers (incl. probation and parole)
- Lower-risk retail workers (wholesalers, general goods)
- Transportation, warehousing and distribution
- Energy, telecom (data and voice), water and wastewater management
- Financial services
- Waste management
- Mining, oil and gas workers

Essential Caregivers

Essential Caregivers (400k) will be vaccinated in Phase Two:

- These are primary caregivers to those with highest-risk health conditions (1 primary caregiver); i.e., Organ transplant recipients, Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients, Neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised, Haematological malignancy diagnosed <1 year, Kidney disease eGFR < 30
- These caregivers would be vaccinated at the end of Phase 2 (at the same time as workers who cannot work from home)

Vaccine Booking System & Call Centre

- The province will launch an online booking system and provincial customer service desk to support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics on March 15.
- The provincial customer service desk will support Ontarians in:
 - Helping them to navigate to the booking system or the PHU Customer Service Desk
 - Answering questions about Ontario's vaccination plan
- A pilot is currently running in six regions:

Pilot Objectives

1. Validate functionality of the provincial booking system
2. Enable improvements to be made before the online booking solution and call centre become fully available across Ontario

Approach

- Each Public Health Unit will identify between 50 – 400 participants, including health care workers and citizens 80+
- Participants will be contacted directly by the Public Health Unit – no action required by residents in these regions at this time

Key Dates

Pilot

- March 1 - 8 – Pilot
- March 8-15 – Process improvement

Go-Live:

- March 15 – Online Booking System and Call Center will be offered to public health units across for province for eligible population to book their vaccination appointments at mass clinics

Pilot Booking System Screen Shots

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.vaccineappointmentbooking.ca>. The page features the Ontario logo at the top. The main heading is "Vaccine Appointment Booking". Below this, there is a large blue button labeled "Appointment by Appointment". At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine in Ontario" and "Vaccine Appointment Booking Terms of Use".



The screenshot shows the "Eligibility Screening" page. It includes the Ontario logo and a heading "Eligibility Screening". The text explains that since there is a limited supply, priority populations will be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine in the early phases of the rollout. It asks the user to provide an email address or a mobile phone number to receive booking confirmation and to consent to receiving one-time communication about the vaccine by email or text/SMS. There are input fields for "Email" and "Mobile Phone Number". Below these are fields for "Ontario Health Card Number*", "Personal Invitation Code*", and "Event ID*". A blue button labeled "I Agree and Continue" is at the bottom, with a "< Back" link below it.




The screenshot shows the "Eligibility Result and Find a Vaccine Center Location" page. It features the Ontario logo and a heading "Eligibility Result and Find a Vaccine Center Location". The text says "Good news, you are eligible. Based on the information entered, you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Please enter a city, address or postal code to find a Vaccine Center Location near you. At this time the Vaccine Center Location will be based on your eligibility." There is a search input field labeled "Enter a City, Address or Postal Code" with a "Search ..." placeholder. Below the search field is a blue button labeled "I Agree and Continue" and a "< Back" link.



The screenshot shows the "Select a Vaccine Center Location" page. It features the Ontario logo and a heading "Select a Vaccine Center Location". The text says "Below are Vaccine Center Location(s) nearest to: 1 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5E 1E5, Canada [Change](#)". There is a list of locations: "Scotia Bank Arena" (400 m away), "40 Bay St, Toronto, ON M5J 2X2, Canada", and "Open 8am - 8pm Mon-Fri". A blue button labeled "Select and View Availability" is at the bottom.

Pilot Booking System Screen Shots

Ontario 

Vaccine Center Location Selected

40 Bay St., Toronto, ON M5J 2X2, Canada [View map](#)

You will need to book two appointments for your first and second dose of the vaccine. Your second appointment is based on recommended vaccine intervals.

1 Appointment 1
Choose a date and time

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			


26 appointments available
For Wednesday March 3, 2021

1:30pm	1:45pm	2:00pm
2:15pm	2:30pm	2:45pm
3:00pm	3:15pm	3:30pm
3:45pm	4:00pm	4:15pm
4:30pm	4:45pm	5:00pm
5:15pm	5:30pm	5:45pm
6:00pm	6:15pm	6:30pm
6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm
7:30pm	7:45pm	

2 Appointment 2
Choose a date and time

[I Agree and Continue](#)

[Back](#)

Ontario 

Vaccine Center Location Selected

40 Bay St., Toronto, ON M5J 2X2, Canada [View map](#)


You will need to book two appointments for your first and second dose of the vaccine. Your second appointment is based on recommended vaccine intervals.

Appointment 1
Wednesday March 3 3:30PM, 2021

Appointment 2
Monday April 12 4:15PM, 2021

[I Agree and Continue](#)

[Back](#)

Ontario 


Personal Details


Email Address*

Cell phone number (optional)

[I Agree and Continue](#)

[Back](#)

Ontario 



Your vaccinations are successfully booked.

Your confirmation code is
87w56jectq
and an email has been sent to
clientsemail@domain.ca

Booking Details

Location
Scotia Bank Arena

Location address
40 Bay St, Toronto, ON M5J 2X2, Canada

Appointment 1: Date and time
Wednesday March 10 3:30PM, 2021

Appointment 2: Date and time
Monday April 12 4:15PM, 2021

Email address*
clientsemail@domain.ca

Cell phone number
+14160001234

Repeats for Second Dose based on approved dose interval

SUMMARY OF NACI EXTENDED DOSE

- NACI has considered evidence from recent scientific studies on efficacy and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in preventing various health outcomes such as infection, symptomatic disease, hospitalizations and death from COVID-19.
- While studies have not yet collected four months of data on vaccine effectiveness after the first dose, the first two months of real world effectiveness are showing sustained high levels of protection.
- Short term sustained protection is consistent with immunological principles and vaccine science where it is not expected to see rapid waning of a highly effective vaccine in adults over a relatively short period of time. Extending the interval between doses was shown to be a good strategy through modelling, even in scenarios considering a six month interval and in theoretical scenarios where waning protection was considered.
- NACI recommends that in the context of limited COVID-19 vaccine supply, jurisdictions should maximize the number of individuals benefiting from the first dose of vaccine by extending the interval for the second dose of vaccine to four months.
- Extending the dose interval to four months allows NACI to create opportunities for protection of the entire adult population within a short timeframe. This will not only achieve protection of the adult population, but will also contribute to health equity,
- NACI will continue to monitor the evidence on effectiveness of extended dose intervals and will adjust recommendations as needed.

Thrombosis & the AZ vaccine

THROMBOSIS CANADA STATEMENT ON ASTRAZENECA VACCINE AND BLOOD CLOTS

Thrombosis Canada guidance is that current evidence does not support a direct link between the vaccine and development of blood clots

Toronto, Ontario (March 11, 2021) - There have been recent reports from Europe that the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine made by AstraZeneca, which was recently approved for use in Canada, may be associated with thrombotic complications (blood clots).

It is the view of Thrombosis Canada that, based on the available evidence, **there is no link between receiving this vaccine and the development of blood clots**. In general, vaccines of any type are not associated with the development of blood clots.

Thrombosis is a common medical problem, especially in older people. It is therefore likely that some people who receive a vaccine will, at some point, in the future develop a blood clot for reasons that are not related to the vaccine.

Thrombosis Canada strongly recommends the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines, including in people who have had a previous blood clot, in people with a family member who has had a blood clot, and in people who are receiving a blood thinning treatment ([Previous Statement Link](#)).

COVax_{ON} – Vaccination Management System

What is it?

- Enable the Ministry of Health, clinics and staff to capture the necessary data related to immunization administration
- An application built in Salesforce to enable case management for vaccine administration
- Will eventually be integrated with the Case and Contact Management System (CCM)






What Functionality is enabled in this release?

- **Tracking Receipt and Usage of Vaccine Inventory**
- **Clinical Operations**
 - Capturing client information
 - Consent & data collection management
 - Vaccine dose administration management
- **Reporting**
 - Technical and operational dashboards & reports



Role to Profile Mapping

Each role has a defined profile access level within the system. There are 6 defined user profiles:

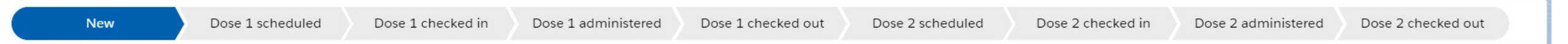
Role	User Profile	Functionality	Reports	Tabs in COVax _{ON}
 Inventory Manager	COVax Inventory Manager	Create shipments, inventory, report wastage & excursion, manage recalls, link inventory to VEs, create and manage VEs	Read and Export Summary Client and Dose Administration Report & Vaccine Inventory Report	Client Search, Clients, Organizations, Shipment, Inventory, Products, Storage Location, Dashboards
 Check-in/out Clinician	COVax Site Staff	Update client records, check-in clients, bypass client duplicate errors, create and manage VEs	Read and Export Summary Client and Dose Administration Report & Vaccine Inventory Report	Client search, Client, Organization, Dashboards
 Vaccine Administrator	COVax Vaccinator	Update client records, check-in clients, document/update dosage administration, check-out clients, edit and change status of Dose Admin Records, Client Merge functionality, bypass client duplicate errors, create and manage VEs	No access to Reports	Client search, Client, Organization, Dashboards
 Super Users	COVax Site Super User	Update client records, dosage administration, mass data client upload, edit and change status of Dose Admin Records, Client Merge functionality, link inventory to VEs, create and manage VEs	Read and Export Summary Client and Dose Administration Report & Vaccine Inventory Report	Client Search, Client, Organization, Mass DataLoads, Shipment, Inventory, Products, Storage Location
 Dashboard User	COVax Dashboard	View Site Dashboards	No access to Reports	Dashboards

Users Must Be Set Up Before Vaccinations Can Begin

Sandbox: Training

Person Account **Rita Hayworth**

Birthdate: 1960-03-10 Gender: Female Home Phone: Email:



Client Name	Rita Hayworth	Duplicate Key	
Health card number	1317278677	Total Valid Dose	0
Alternative ID		RPDB Number	
Alternative ID #		Primary Care Provider	Sergiu Noaghea, Medical Doctor, CNO1234567
Birthdate	1960-03-10	Vaccination Event	
Estimated DoB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reason for Immunization	Other Priority Population
Gender	Female	Institution	
Reason vaccine was not administered		Public Health Unit (PHU)	
		Inactive	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Inactive Reason	

We found no potential duplicates of this Client.

Dose Administration (0)

Files (0)

Or drop files

Person Account History (2)

Date:	2021-03-10, 8:38 p.m.
Field:	Created.
User:	Covax03102021 vaccinator03102021
Original Value:	
New Value:	














Contact Information


Proxy Name		Proxy Phone	
Relationship to the		Preferred Language	English


 Inventory
ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 Non-rep VV 0.5 ml 0.5 ml - BP123, 2021-09-30


[Transfer Doses](#) [Accept Inventory](#) [Recall Inventory](#) 

Product [ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 Non-rep VV 0.5 ml](#) Doses Available 4,999



Related	Details	
Inventory Name	ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 Non-rep VV 0.5 ml 0.5 ml - BP123, 2021-09-30 	Type Vaccine
Doses Available	4,999	Expiration Date 2021-09-30 
Status	Available 	Lot Number BP123 
Product	ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 Non-rep VV 0.5 ml 	Temperature 
Shipment	SHIP-000277 	Adjustment Quantity 
Received Doses		Adjustment Reason 
Parent Inventory		Adjustment Notes 
Authorized Organization	Toronto University Health Network 	Actual Adjustment Date 



 Location



Storage Location [Best Care 001 - Fridge 1](#) 

 Dose Information

Total Doses 5,000 Doses Returned 0

 Wastage Events (0) 


 Excursion Events (0) 

 Event Inventories (1) 

[UHN, Best Care Pharmacy, Toronto](#) 
Vaccine Event Inv... [ASTRAZENECA COVID-19 Non-rep VV 0.5 ml 0.5...](#)
Allocated Doses: 1,000
Extra Doses From ...

[View All](#)

 Files (0) 

 Upload Files
Or drop files



Authorized Organizations ▾

Administer Dose Check Out ▾

Administered Dose 2 checked out

Duplicates of this Client.

Upload Files

Or drop files

(2)

10, 8:38 p.m.

Next

Original Value:
New Value:

Check-In

Dose : 1 of 2

Acknowledgement of Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The personal health information on this form is being collected for the purpose of providing care to you and creating an immunization record for you, and because it is necessary for the administration of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination program. This information will be used and disclosed for these purposes, as well as other purposes authorized and required by law. For example,

- It will be disclosed to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Ontario public health units where the disclosure is necessary for a purpose of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.
- It may be disclosed, as part of your provincial electronic health record, to health care providers who are providing care to you.

The information will be stored in a health record system under the custody and control of the Ministry of Health.

Where a Clinic Site is administered by a hospital, the hospital will collect, use and disclose your information as an agent of the Ministry of Health.


Acknowledgement that the client understands and consents to for data collection, use and disclosure.

- COVID-19 Assessment Completed
- Consent for Data Collection

* Reason For Immunization

Other Priority Population ▾

* Site Attendee

 Covax03102021 vaccinator03102021 ×

OntarioMD Training

- We plan to commence training sessions Friday March 12 for the Primary Care practices identified by the 6 PHUs in the pilot
- Clinical Workflow Training – 1 hr in length
 - Focus on checkin, administration and checkout
- Administrative Workflow Training – 2 - 3 hr in length
 - End to end COVAX understanding
 - Includes inventory, vaccine management, event set up etc.
- Will be holding sessions repeatedly over the coming weeks

OntarioMD Leads By PHU

- OMD is reaching out to practices identified by the 6 PHUs
- OMD can support login provisioning for individual site users
- OMD to work with clinic on booking training

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Primary Care COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit

COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit
A Toolkit for Primary Care Clinics

HOME PODCAST ABOUT

INFORM AND IDENTIFY ▾ PLAN YOUR CLINIC ▾ RUN YOUR CLINIC ▾ FOLLOW UP ▾

Primary Care COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit

Look through the following sections of the Toolkit:

CURRENT IMMUNIZATION STATUS IN CANADA:

Distributed Vaccines: 3082480
Administered Vaccines: 2543253

This toolkit is here to help primary care clinics plan as they support the COVID-19 immunization effort.

While we expect the initial vaccines will be available in limited supply and will be provided first to highest risk individuals and to healthcare workers, this toolkit will help prepare for the next phases when primary and community care will have its role in the COVID-19 immunization effort.

INFORM AND IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

- [COVID Information & Vaccine Status](#)
- [Engage Vaccine Hesitant Patients](#)
- [Update Your Patients](#)
- [Identify Eligible Patients](#)
- [Focus on Key Populations](#)

PLAN YOUR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

- [Determine Your Capacity for Immunization Clinics](#)
- [Prepare For Your Immunization Clinic](#)
- [Book Patients and Provide Pre-Clinic Orientation](#)

RUN YOUR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

- [Before the Start of Your Immunization Clinic](#)
- [Patient Flow in Your Immunization Clinic](#)

<https://covidtoolkit.ca/>

Planning guidance for immunization clinics for COVID-19 vaccines



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<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/planning-immunization-clinics-covid-19-vaccines.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Operations Planning Checklist

Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Operations Planning Checklist

Version 2.0 - December 30, 2020

Highlights of changes

- Added Moderna COVID-19 Product Monograph (page 1)
- Hyperlinks updated throughout including PHAC links and the Ontario AEFI form

This guidance provides basic information only. It is not intended to take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment.

Please check the Ministry of Health (MOH) [COVID-19 website](#) regularly for updates to this document.

This document is to support local planning as well as the successful operationalization of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Ontario for all Ontarians, including considerations for vulnerable populations.

Additional resources that you may wish to review (once available) include:

- [Planning Guidance for Immunization Clinics for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Planning Guidance for Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Statement: [Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccine\(s\)](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 \(COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine\) Product Monograph](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 \(COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine\) Product Monograph](#)

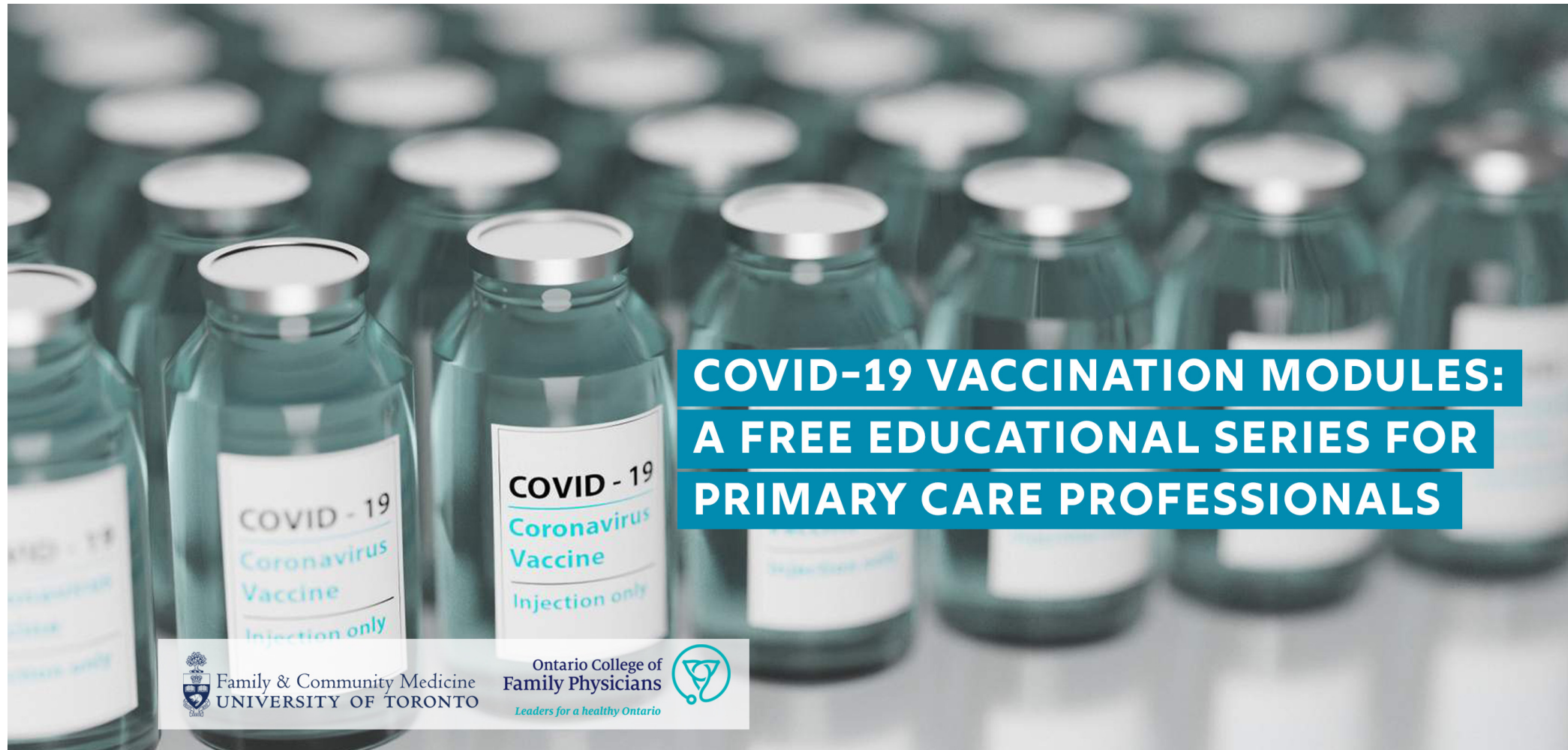
Clinic Operations Planning Checklist

Item	Comments
<p>Leadership & Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinic plan has been created that identifies one person who will be in charge in your organization for the rollout of the clinic, what partnerships are required to run the clinic, and the plan delegates roles and responsibilities within the set up and running of the clinic <p>See PHAC guidance on Leadership & Coordination</p>	
<p>Immunization Campaign and Clinic Parameters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinic volume capacity has been analyzed for first and second dose administration. Staffing models and allocation plan for doses based on the Provincial Prioritization Framework have been created <p>See PHAC guidance on Immunization Campaign & Clinic Planning Parameters</p>	
<p>Immunization Clinic Site Identification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for an accessible clinic location is completed including analysis of anticipated challenges (e.g., storage space, waiting areas/increment weather) (see PHAC guidance on Immunization Clinic Site Identification)• Maintenance of critical facilities has been assessed including plans for back up power/alternate storage site if critical facilities malfunction• Security protocols are in place (e.g., to manage clinic attendees, ensure safety of clinic staff, secure storage of vaccines at the clinic site)	

Vaccine resources:

- Centre for Effective Practice (CEP) <https://cep.health/>
- Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/>
- Community of Practice for Family Physicians <https://dfcm.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice>
- New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) FAQ <https://www.nejm.org/covid-vaccine/faq>

COVID-19 Vaccination in Canada: an educational series for primary care professionals



<https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/covid19-vaccination-modules>

* Updated March 11, 2021

COVID-19 Community of Practice self-learning program

Past COVID-19 Community of Practice sessions

The COVID-19 Community of Practice is a space for family physicians across Ontario to connect and learn from each other. Approximately once a month, practicing family physicians share their perspectives on COVID-related topics ranging from implementing virtual care, to organizing community collaborations, and supporting patients with mental health and addiction. These one-hour webinars are interactive and questions from participants are answered in real-time where possible. Each session is recorded and shared after the event, including links to notable resources.

This COVID-19 Community of Practice is a joint initiative from the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) and the [Ontario College of Family Physicians \(OCFP\)](#).

Please visit the [DFCM events page for upcoming sessions](#).

Self-learning program

The COVID-19 CoP session materials, including recordings, tools, and resources are available as self-learning modules.

This one-credit-per-hour self learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Ontario Chapter for up to 1 Mainpro+® credits. This program is part of a series that has been certified for up to 18 Mainpro+® credits.

To participate in this self-learning:

- Select the dates/sessions you wish to participate in. You are welcome to complete as many sessions as you wish.
- Watch the video recording of the live session.
- Review the session tools and resources.
- Complete the self-learning post-session activity, click the button below.

[Complete the self-learning post-session activity here](#)

Past sessions

COVID-19 vaccine, public health collaboration, and supporting our teams (December 11, 2020)

+

Supporting patients with COVID-19, evolving guidance, and fatigue (November 13, 2020)

+

<https://dfcm.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice/past-sessions>

Questions?

Webinar recording and curated Q&A will be posted soon

<https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice/past-sessions>

Our next Community of Practice: **April 9, 2021 0800**

Contact us: ocfpcme@ocfp.on.ca

Visit: <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/tools-resources/covid-19-resources>

This one-credit-per-hour Group Learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Ontario Chapter for up to 1 Mainpro+® credits.

The COVID-19 Community of Practice for Ontario Family Physician includes a series of planned webinars. Each session is worth 1 Mainpro+® credits, for up to a total of 18 credits.

Post session survey will be emailed to you. Certificates will be emailed in approximately 1 week.