

## Vaccine Distribution Plans by Province

Government of Canada National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/guidance-prioritization-initial-doses-covid-19-vaccines.html>

- In November 2020, NACI released comprehensive and evidence-informed [Preliminary guidance on key populations for early COVID-19 immunization](#) to inform planning for the efficient, effective, and equitable allocation of COVID-19 vaccine(s) once authorized for use in Canada when limited initial vaccine supply will necessitate the prioritization of immunization in some populations earlier than others.
- Essential workers are included in Stage 2 of NACI's recommendations for sequencing key populations within Canada.

### Provincial governments

The follow identifies a web link to provincial vaccination plans along with brief commentary indicating whether essential workers for critical infrastructure are specifically included. Each province determines and controls its own vaccination distribution plan.

#### British Columbia

- Vaccine distribution will be phased and will start with key populations based on Canada's pandemic plan to reduce severe outcomes and deaths. The scheduling of priority groups for vaccination may be modified as transmission is monitored.
- Phase 1 – February to March (80 years old and up, Indigenous Seniors 65 and up, vulnerable populations, front line health workers, seniors need to pre-register)
- Phase 2 – April onwards (general population starts)
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

#### Alberta

- Alberta is focussed on at risk population in Phase 1 through end of March (front line health workers, seniors over 75, Indigenous seniors over 65, vulnerable populations).
- Vaccine bookings are available through [Alberta Health Services](#).
- Phase 2 starts in April (50 - 74 years old, First Nations 35 years and up)
- No specific mention of essential workers for critical infrastructure.
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

#### Saskatchewan

- Province has reviewed NACI guidelines and modified based on applicability to Saskatchewan's demographics and logistical requirements. Phase 1 began in December focused on health care workers, long-term care residents, seniors 70 years old and up, Northern and remote populations 50 years old and up, and vulnerable populations).
- Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in April and include people 60 - 69 years old, vulnerable populations and then a move to the general population immunization.
- No specific mentioned of essential workers for critical infrastructure.
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

### Manitoba

- Manitoba is providing vaccinations to designated priority populations, based on medical advice from provincial public health officials and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.
- Phase 1 to end of February – focus on health-care workers, residents of personal care homes and elderly Manitobans.
- March will see the opening of supersites in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Thompson Airport
- Phase 2 will see expansion to Manitobans over 80 years old.
- Phase 3 moves to Manitobans over 60 years old.
- Phase 4 will expand to Manitobans over 18 years old starting with those over 55.
- No specific mentioned of essential workers for critical infrastructure.
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

### Ontario

- Ontario has 3-phased approach to vaccination distribution. Phase 1 underway focussed on high-risk populations in priority regions.
- The province will begin vaccinating seniors 80 years old and up on March 22<sup>nd</sup> – online registration will be available starting March 15<sup>th</sup>. Indigenous and vulnerable populations will also be included as well as health care works.
- The province will use the ethical framework and the best available data to identify other priority populations within Phase 2 (seniors 79 and older, people who live and work in congregate settings, frontline essential workers including first responders, education workers, and the food processing industry.
- Ontario will enter Phase 3 for the general population closer to July.
- No specific mentioned of essential workers for critical infrastructure.
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

### Quebec

- Phase 1 will focus on front line health workers, long term care facilities and remote areas. Throughout Québec, people 85 years of age or older (born in or before 1936) can start making appointments to get vaccinated on February 25, 2021 at 8 a.m.
- As vaccines become more readily available, groups will be vaccinated by age in descending order starting with 70 - 79 years old, 60 - 69 years old
- The program then shifts to adults under 60 with chronic conditions; adults under 60 who provide essential services; and finally, the rest of the population
- More detailed information is available [here](#).

### New Brunswick

- The immunization strategy aligns with federal guidance.
- Phase 1 – now through March – prioritizes nursing home residents and staff, healthcare workers, older seniors (85 years and up), and adults in Indigenous communities.
- Phase 2 begins in April and prioritizes all remaining health care workers, communal/shared living workers and residents, first responders and critical infrastructure (power, water, sewer) workers and truckers. This group also includes those 70 years old and up and those 40 years old and up with 3 or more select chronic conditions.
- Phase 3 will see immunizations for school staff and students aged 16 to 25.

- Phase 4 set to start in July will see immunizations for the general public.
- Additional information is available [here](#).

#### Prince Edward Island

- PEI has a three phased immunization plan. Phase 1 is underway with a focus on nursing home residents and staff, healthcare workers, seniors 80 years old and up, and adults in Indigenous communities. This Phase will also vaccinate truckers and other rotational workers.
- Phase 2 will run from April to June and will focus on other seniors 70 years old and up and essential workers (undefined at this point).
- Phase 3 will start in July and focus on the general population.
- More information is available [here](#).

#### Nova Scotia

- Phase 1 is underway and is focusing on healthcare workers, long-term care workers and residents, and First Nations.
- Phase 2 is expected to begin in March and will focus on all remaining health care workers and essential workers (list under development by Public Health agency) and seniors 80 years old and up and then 75 – 79 years old.
- Phase 3 will focus on the general population starting with those 70 - 75 years old, then moving in descending 5-year increments.
- More information is available [here](#).

#### Newfoundland and Labrador

- Phase 1 is underway and is focusing on healthcare workers, long-term care workers and residents, the elderly population 85 years and older and adults in remote and/or isolated Indigenous communities.
- Phase 2 will focus on all other health care works, shared/communal living settings and essential workers (undefined at this point).
- Phase 3 will focus on the general population.
- More information is available [here](#).