

## Eligibility

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### Provincially funded vaccine

Provincially funded vaccines are provided for use in provincially defined immunization programs only. An individual eligible for a provincially funded vaccine will not be charged for the vaccine.

### Eligibility Criteria for Provincially Funded Vaccines in Alberta

#### 1. Individuals who are residents of Alberta

Individuals who are residents of Alberta are eligible to receive provincially funded vaccines as per the [Routine Immunization Schedule](#). To be able to receive provincially funded vaccines the individual must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined on the vaccine specific biological pages in the [Alberta Immunization Policy](#).

#### 2. Individuals who are/will be living, working, going to school, or visiting in Alberta for three months or longer

Individuals who are/will be living, working, going to school, or visiting in Alberta **for three months or longer**, from another province/territory or from outside of Canada may be able to receive provincially funded vaccines in the following situations:

- Priority will be given to children two years of age or younger that are starting, continuing, or completing a routine childhood immunization series.
- International students in grades K to 12 who are registered students and able to present documentation (such as an acceptance letter) are able to receive provincially funded vaccines as per the current eligibility criteria in the Alberta Immunization Policy. For vaccines given in a series (e.g. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines) the student must be attending school in Alberta long enough to complete the series.
- Individuals of any age requiring vaccines for high risk medical conditions (e.g. SOT, HSCT).

#### Influenza Vaccine only

- Individuals who are/will be living, working, going to school, or visiting in Alberta **for two weeks or longer** are eligible for provincially funded influenza vaccine.

#### 3. Other circumstances

Other circumstances where provincially funded vaccines may be provided to non-Alberta residents on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the MOH include:

- Outbreak/pandemic management: The vaccine should be given in the interest of preventing illness in the community as well as the individual.
- Contact management: As part of a case/outbreak intervention strategy (e.g. contact of a meningococcal C case).
- Post exposure prophylaxis (e.g. rabies post-exposure prophylaxis or a tetanus containing vaccine following a tetanus-prone injury).

Travel vaccines are not covered as part of the provincially funded program (e.g. yellow fever vaccine).