COVID-19 INFORMATION

Get vaccinated. It’s safe and easy.

Sign up when it's your turn. 
Show up to your appointment. 
Follow up with your second dose.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. They help prevent you from getting infected and protect you from getting severely sick if you do get it.

Everyone who wants a vaccine will get a vaccine. People are being vaccinated in phases so those most at risk of going to the hospital or dying get it first. Exact timelines depend on vaccine supply.

Book your free shot
Find out when you will be eligible to receive a vaccine at alberta.ca/vaccine. When it’s your turn, book your appointment using the correct method for your situation.
- Find a participating pharmacy
- Book online with Alberta Health Services
- Call Health Link 811

If you don’t have an Alberta Health Care card, you must book your appointment through Alberta Health Services online or by calling 811.

Need help?
Call 811 to find out when you’re eligible and book an appointment. Service is available in 240 languages.

Need a ride?
Call 211 to get help finding a ride to and from your vaccination appointment.

Who should get vaccinated?
Everyone who can get vaccinated, should get vaccinated.

Even though seniors are at a higher risk of severe illness, vaccines are for young and healthy people too. It helps build your immune system to fight off disease and protect those around you.

People who have recovered from COVID-19 should also get vaccinated to boost your immunity.

Who shouldn’t get vaccinated?
Consult a doctor first if you have questions about the vaccine or your health conditions.

Don’t get vaccinated if you’re under the age of 16 or have a severe allergy to any of the vaccine ingredients. The complete ingredients list is available at alberta.ca/vaccine.

What happens after you’re vaccinated
The vaccine is injected in your upper arm, like a flu shot.

Afterwards, you may experience mild side effects such as redness, swelling or pain at the injection site, mild fever or headache. This is your immune system working with the vaccine to build antibodies. Symptoms should go away in a few days.

Most vaccines require two doses. You will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after your final dose.

Get the facts
- Thanks to worldwide collaboration, COVID-19 vaccines were developed quickly without compromising safety. Every approved vaccine has met Health Canada’s strict standards for safety, quality and effectiveness. Worldwide, tens of millions of people have already received the vaccine.
- Vaccination is voluntary, but it is important to keep others around us safe. By getting vaccinated, you are protecting vulnerable people and helping our community develop widespread “herd immunity” to this infectious disease.
- Get vaccinated as soon as you can, no matter which vaccine is provided. Vaccines make your immune system stronger by building antibodies to help prevent and fight off diseases. COVID-19 is a new virus so no one has natural immunity. It’s much safer and more effective to get immunized than getting infected.
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. It does not contain the actual virus.
- You can still test positive after getting vaccinated. The vaccine makes it less likely that you’ll get severely sick, require hospitalization or die from COVID-19.
- Getting a vaccine doesn’t mean the pandemic is over. Continue following public health measures even after you’re vaccinated. You could still carry the virus and infect others who haven’t been vaccinated.

Translated resources are available in Af-Soomaali, Arabic, 简体中文, 繁體中文, Español, Français, हिन्दी, 한국어, Persian, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, Tagalog, Tiếng Việt and Urdu at alberta.ca/CovidTranslated, or call 811.
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Other COVID-19 support services
- If you have symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19, you must stay home and get tested. Book your test online or call 811.
- Financial support may be available if you’re unable to work because you are sick, required to isolate, or are caring for someone in isolation.
- Free hotel rooms and financial support are available if you must isolate due to COVID-19 but cannot do so in your own home. Call 211 for more information.
- COVID Care Teams are working with the cities of Calgary and Edmonton to connect people with resources, provide information and distribute masks, sanitizer and translated resources.