Phase 2C Vaccination

Disability Workers

Fact Sheet for Employers of Frontline Disability Workers

Alberta's COVID-19 Phased Vaccination Program

As part of the Phase 2C vaccination rollout, disability support workers will be able to book appointments starting April 30. Vaccinating disability support workers will protect vulnerable Albertans and those who support them.

Role of Employers

If you employ disability services workers through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program, Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program, or other provincial disability support programs, you have a role in supporting your frontline disability workers to access the vaccine.

Step 1: Determine if your disability workers are eligible for the next phase of vaccination

Frontline disability workers who are supporting Albertans with disabilities in a variety of living arrangements and services are eligible for vaccination as part of Phase 2C.
Eligible disability workers include all those who:

- Have **direct face-to-face contact** supporting children, youth or adults in a variety of living arrangements and services. This is not specific to congregate care or residential care models.
- This includes disability services workers employed or contracted by a family, a Family Managed Services Administrator or a Service Provider.

Step 2: Helping your Workers get Vaccinated

Employers will need to confirm their disability workers are eligible for vaccination by providing their workers with a signed letter.

- The letter must:
  - State the employee is a current employee;
  - The employee works in a frontline capacity with a person who has a disability; and
  - Be signed by the employer.
- Employers may use their own letterhead.

Step 3: Prepare your workers to book and attend their vaccination appointment

To book and attend a vaccination appointment, disability workers will require:

- Signed letter from their employer that confirms they are currently employed as a frontline disability services worker working directly with a person with a disability; and
- Alberta health care card; and
- Second piece of government approved ID with the worker's birthdate. (e.g., driver's license, Alberta Government ID or benefit card, passport, birth certificate)

Booking a Vaccination Appointment

Albertans who are eligible for vaccination in Phase 2C will be able to book their appointment by:

- Contacting a pharmacy
- Booking online
- Calling Health Link at 811
- Calling a physician, pending vaccine supply

For information about Alberta's vaccination program and how to book an appointment, please visit albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17295.aspx or alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx.

Post Vaccination

Individuals vaccinated against COVID-19 must continue to adhere to all public health measures to minimize transmission, including staying home when sick, wearing a mask, physical distancing, practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

The vaccines being used in Alberta are good at protecting people from developing illness caused by COVID-19 but no vaccine is 100 per cent effective.

As we learn more about the vaccines and more people have been vaccinated, we will be able to revisit the requirements for people who have been vaccinated.

Vaccinated workers are still required to adhere to existing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidance. Refer to AHS Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) website.

Vaccine Safety

Canada is recognized around the world for high standards for vaccine review, approvals and monitoring systems. Only vaccines that are safe and effective are approved for use in Canada.

After a vaccine is approved for use, evidence of safety and effectiveness is reviewed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. This committee provides recommendations on immunizations for individuals and public health programs.