



COLLEGE OF
ACUPUNCTURISTS
OF ALBERTA

Phase 2C of Alberta's COVID-19 Immunization Program

April 14, 2021

As part of Phase 2C of Alberta's vaccine rollout, nurses, doctors, dentists, and any health-care workers in patient care facilities or providing direct patient care in the community are eligible to receive the vaccine. Staff who support them and have in-person contact with patients/clients are also eligible. This will help prevent COVID-19 from spreading to patients and people at highest risk of severe outcomes.

Starting April 12, the following groups of health-care workers age 18 and older are encouraged to book their appointments for the vaccine as soon as possible:

- Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and all other health-care professionals and their office or support staff who provide in-person, direct patient care or support (such as reception or security).
- Health care workers that are eligible include those under the Health Professions Act as well as those part of professional associations.
- Individuals working in patient care facilities or providing services directly to clients in the community for Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, Alberta Precision Labs, DynaLife, and students undertaking placement practicums in clinical areas or labs at their training institutions are included in this phase.
- Health-care workers on First Nation reserves and Metis Settlements.

Appointments can be booked through participating pharmacies or through [Alberta Health Services](#) at 811 or online.

For clarity, health care workers can arrange their appointments immediately on-line or by phone. At their appointment they will need to provide both of the following:

- Personal identification that contains a birth date. For example, Alberta Health Care Card, Driver's License, or passport. (This is required at all immunization appointments for any Albertan); AND
- Proof of eligibility for this phase

Proof of eligibility may be any one of the following:

- Practice Permit from a regulatory college – hard copy or digital copy accessed online or photographed and displayed on your smart phone.
- Employee ID that can be confirmed as current.
- Letter of employment from your employer. Template is available on the CAA website at <http://acupuncturealberta.ca/covid-19-template-for-employers/>
- Letter of placement from your training institution or regulatory college. Template is available on the CAA website <http://acupuncturealberta.ca/covid-19-template-for-employers/>. Please note students not in placements are not eligible at this time.
- If a health care worker is self-employed and one of the above options is not available to them, they may show their practitioner or business license from a municipality.

All health care workers in this phase are eligible for Moderna or Pfizer. Like all Albertans health care workers between the ages of 55-64, also have the option to book an appointment for AstraZeneca.

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) is only offering the AstraZeneca vaccine at the Telus Convention Centre in Calgary or the Edmonton Expo Centre. All other AHS sites are offering Pfizer or Moderna.
- Information regarding which pharmacies are offering AstraZeneca, Moderna or Pfizer, is available on the Alberta Blue Cross website [here](#).

Anyone eligible in Phase 1, 2A or 2B of Alberta’s vaccine rollout who has not yet received the vaccine can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS.

After vaccination, acupuncturists and students must still comply with all provincial public health directives and guidelines and the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta Reopening Guidelines, such as rigorous hand hygiene, physical distancing, continuous masking, and isolation and quarantine requirements.

For further information on this announcement, please visit Government of Alberta website:

[Alberta’s COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#)
[Q & A for Health Care Workers](#)

Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17389.aspx#p2c>

Sincerely,
College of Acupuncturists of Alberta