

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

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Vaccine Update

- Over **518,900** doses administered across the province
- Second dose, full immunization began January 5, 2021, with over **430,000** Ontarians fully immunized after receiving both doses (as of 8 p.m. February 18, 2021)
- Operation Remote Immunity continues to vaccinate 31 remote/fly-in First Nation communities and Moosonee in northern Ontario. As of February 17, 2021, a total of **8,000** doses have been administered.
 - In addition, the Province is also in the process of administering vaccination within Elders' congregate living facilities in 28 First Nation communities.
- All residents at long-term care homes across the province have been given an opportunity for their first does of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Ontario is expecting to receive the specific type of syringe that will enable vaccinators to reliably obtain six doses from each vial starting this week, from the federal government.
- We have the capacity to vaccinate nearly 40,000 people per day, and we are building to triple or quadruple that capacity to reach all Ontarians as quickly as possible.
- Public health units have developed plans to operate mass immunization clinics as soon as enough supply becomes available. They continue to offer mobile clinics to vaccinate our most vulnerable and will expand to staff and essential caregivers in long-term care, high risk retirement and First Nations Elder care homes.

Prioritization Update

Immediate priority for first-dose vaccination include:

- Staff and essential caregivers in long-term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes, and any residents of these settings that have not yet received a first dose of vaccine.
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors.
- Highest Priority health care workers, followed by Very High Priority health care workers, in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization.
- Indigenous adults in northern remote and higher risk communities (on-reserve and urban).

Next priority for first-dose vaccination:

- When all reasonable steps have been taken to complete first-dose vaccinations of all staff, essential caregivers and residents of long-term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes, first-dose vaccinations may be made available to the remainder of the Phase 1 populations:
 - Adults 80 years of age and older.
 - Staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (e.g., assisted living).
 - Health care workers in the High Priority level, and in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization.
 - All Indigenous adults.
 - Adult recipients of chronic home care.