

Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan

BACKGROUND

- On **December 7, 2020**, the province announced the **key populations** that will be first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, namely:
 - **Residents, employees** and **staff**, and **essential caregivers** of congregate living settings that provide care for seniors
 - **Health care workers** (including all those who work in health care settings and those in direct contact with patients)
 - **Adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations** where infection can have disproportionate consequences, including those living in remote or isolated areas
 - **Adult recipients** of chronic home health care
- On December 9, 2020, **Health Canada granted authorization** with conditions for the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 16 years of age and older, after an independent and thorough scientific review for safety, effectiveness and quality.
- Health Canada will continue to monitor the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.
- The province has committed to distributing COVID-19 vaccines to priority populations in the **highest risk areas** as soon as shipments are received from federal government suppliers, expected in the coming days.

ONTARIO'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

PHASES

	VACCINE QUANTITY	POPULATION TO BE VACCINATED	DISTRIBUTION SITES
 	Initial doses will vaccinate over 2,500 people, with additional shipments arriving over the coming weeks 90,000 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and estimated 35,000-85,000 doses of Moderna vaccines (pending approval) are expected in the coming weeks An estimated total of over 2M doses is expected in this phase	Residents, essential caregivers, and staff of congregate care settings for seniors Health care workers Adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations Adult recipients of chronic home health care	Initially, two pilot sites, followed by selected hospital sites in Grey-Lockdown and Red-Control zones, expanding to approximately 21 hospitals across the province LTC Homes and Retirement Homes as soon as feasible.
 	Increasing stock of vaccines available.	Expanded for health care workers, long-term care homes, retirement homes, home care patients with chronic conditions and additional First Nation communities and urban Indigenous populations, including Métis and Inuit adults.	Expanded vaccination sites
 	Vaccines available for every Ontarian who wants to be immunized.	All eligible Ontarians	Widely available across Ontario

DISTRIBUTION, LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION

Phased Distribution Plan

Phase 1 - key milestones

- **Pilot – week of December 14, 2020:**
 - Pfizer-BioNTech doses to vaccinate **over 2,500** health care workers
 - **Two** pilot hospital sites, **University Health Network** and **The Ottawa Hospital**
 - **Recipients:** health care workers from long-term care, hospitals
- **Additional Pfizer-BioNTech doses expected**
 - Expected to receive **90,000 doses** in December 2020 – January 2021
 - **14** selected hospital sites in Grey-Lockdown and Red-Control zones
 - **Recipients:** health care workers in long-term care homes, retirement homes, hospitals, additional congregate settings caring for seniors

DISTRIBUTION, LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION (cont'd)

- **Moderna vaccine doses expected** (pending Health Canada approval):
 - Expected to receive **35,000 – 85,000** doses in December-January (planning estimates)
 - **Expanded vaccinations** to long-term care homes in Grey-Lockdown areas
 - **Recipients:** residents in long-term care homes, retirement homes, hospitals, additional congregate settings caring for seniors
- **Early 2021:**
 - **Expansion** of **up to 21** hospital sites providing the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
 - **Recipients:** health care workers, and once forward movement authorized by Pfizer, long-term care home and retirement home residents
 - **Expansion** of the **number of locations** to administer the Moderna vaccine
 - **Recipients:** long-term care homes, retirement homes, public health units, other congregate care settings, remote Indigenous communities