



Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies



The purpose of Vax Facts is to provide up to date, credible information about the COVID-19 vaccination process in Ontario. Please feel free to also use these resources to augment your local discussions about vaccinations. If you have a resource that you think the sector would benefit from, send it to covid19@oacas.org.

Resources are available now, and will be added to regularly, at oacas.org/EveryShotCounts for staff and stakeholders to access information about COVID-19 vaccines in one place.

- The *Every Shot Counts* campaign has released a short video that speaks directly to child welfare staff contemplating vaccination. Click [here](#) to view the video in French and [here](#) for the English version.

- Most people who receive their first shot after March 10 will be scheduled for their second shot in 4 months. This is in keeping with new recommendations from NACI based on updated studies but can cause anxiety given that the spacing was closer together at beginning of the vaccination rollout. Read about the single shot efficacy of the mRNA vaccines (it's over 90% for both!) [here](#) or watch [this 4-minute video](#) by Dr. Gupta, as he explains which numbers to pay attention to as the pandemic rages on.
- An updated [Phase 2 Vaccine Plan](#) was released on April 6. In addition to providing an update on the rollout so far, the following updates have been made:
 - The timetable for Group 1, *Workers who Cannot Work from Home* (which includes CAS workers) has been changed from June to mid-May (pg. 16).
 - Adults 50+ in 13 “hot spot communities” across 13 PHUs are now eligible for vaccines (pg. 17). See the appendix for the list of postal codes in scope and know that there may be deviation from the provincial recommendation depending on supply (e.g. in York Region eligibility, at the time of publication, is 45+).
 - Adults 55+ continue to be eligible for the AstraZeneca/pharmacy program which has been [expanded to include more locations](#).
 - People 16+ with high risk chronic conditions (and in many PHUs, the caregiver for the person with the condition) are now eligible (pg. 19-21).

Please continue to check in with your PHU often as information is changing daily.

- The Ministry of Health has collated up-to-date information about the vaccines approved in Canada, including information about eligibility, ingredients, and post-vaccine care in its [Vaccine Information Sheet](#), published April 1.
- The Ministry of Health has released a Vaccine Toolkit that contains a welcome letter, posters, fact sheets, tips for holding effective conversations, an FAQ, and sample Facebook and Twitter posts that users can share on their social networks. The toolkit is available in English, French and 10 other languages. It may be found [here](#).

Resources

- The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities is hosting Dr. D. Burt for a session entitled *The COVID-19 Vaccine and the Black Community: the History, the Hesitancy, the Vaccination* on April 17 from 11-12:30 PM. Register [here](#).
- [What to Expect After the COVID-19 Vaccine?](#) from [@covidvaccinefacts](#)
- [How long with COVID-19 Vaccine Immunity Last?](#) from [@covidvaccinefacts](#)