

COVID-19 Update

Employee and Physician Information



Memo from the Vice President

All Staff

March 15, 2021

Re: Update on Phase 2 of Immunization Plan

As you know, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced a three-phase COVID-19 Immunization Plan. We have nearly completed Phase 1 of the plan with vaccinations currently underway for people 85 years and over and home support workers. Health-care workers identified in Phase 1, who have not yet been immunized, will be contacted over the next few weeks and scheduled into current clinics.

Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Immunization Plan aims to strike a balance between protecting the most vulnerable, while maintaining capacity to respond to incidents that pose significant risk to public safety. Plans are underway to vaccinate the Phase 2 groups beginning with those individuals 70 years and older. The full list of groups prioritized for Phase 2 are contained in the NL COVID-19 Immunization Plan <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/files/NL-COVID19-Immunization-Plan-1.pdf>.

Frontline health-care workers, who were not immunized in Phase 1 and who may come into direct contact with patients/clients (includes private health-care workers), are prioritized for Phase 2. All remaining Eastern Health employees, who work in administrative roles and work in areas where they are not in contact with patients/clients (i.e., human resources, IT, Finance etc.), will be vaccinated in Phase 3.

Eastern Health is working with managers to identify eligible health-care workers in Phase 2. We are contacting managers this week to compile and submit the required information. Staff and physicians are asked to contact their managers if they have any questions regarding the vaccination plan.

We anticipate that Phase 2 health-care workers will be immunized starting **mid to late April**. We ask that you do not contact the booking clerks as they are only able to book appointments for our current priority groups which include the 70 plus age group and home support workers.

In Phase 2, health-care workers will have the opportunity to **self-schedule** their appointment via an online booking system. You will be contacted by email and will be provided with instructions on how to book your own appointment. We will use the email address you provide to your manager.

Eastern Health thanks you for your support as we work through this process. We assure everyone who is requesting a vaccine will get one as we move through the groups identified.

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