

**COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution  
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I have been asked by the Premier of Ontario to assist during the COVID-19 crisis to distribute vaccines in an efficient and equitable manner.

This communication is meant to include each of you and your teams in this process. But to do that - you need to be comfortable with the way the Task Force is working and also understand the plan.

That's why this first Situation Report is a little long - it is meant to establish the baseline that we are operating from now, three days before we expect the first vaccines to arrive.

I appreciate that each of you will have a valuable role in this noble effort in which we are engaged. I thank you for your efforts in advance and trust that our continuing flow of information will assist you in the planning and eventual execution of your responsibilities.

Many of you directly involved have received more detailed guidance from specific departments within the Ontario Government. This email is not intended to interfere with that guidance but to ensure that you understand the intent of the senior leadership of the Task Force.

Again, my thanks to each one of you as we reach the fantastic milestone of being ready to deliver vaccines to everyone who wants one in our great province. Good luck to you all - and best wishes for you and your community in these difficult times.

With kind regards,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier  
Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

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# Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan







## BACKGROUND

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

# DISTRIBUTION, LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION

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## 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)

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- **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