

Vaccine Quick Reference

Vaccine	Provincially funded eligibility	Eligible for administration by community pharmacists	Key pharmacy considerations
Influenza	All Albertans 6 months of age and older are eligible for provincially funded influenza vaccine.	Individuals 5 years of age and older. Children under 5 must be referred to Primary Care Alberta (PCA) for public product or private supply can be administered to age 2 and up.	For 2026–27, the general public pharmacy program begins October 19, 2026 . Fluad is the provincially supplied product for adults 65+ in pharmacy. Fluzone High Dose vaccine is recommended for SOT, HSCT, CAR-T recipients and client are to be referred to public health for vaccine.
COVID-19	For fall 2026, provincially funded vaccine is available to: - all adults 65 years of age and older, - individuals (6mos and older): - who are residents of continuing care homes and supportive living accommodations; - with eligible medical and immunocompromising conditions; - who are pregnant, - all First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, health-care workers and other care providers working in facilities; and - teachers.	For fall 2026, provincially funded vaccine is available to: - all adults 65 years of age and older, individuals (12 years and older): - who are residents of continuing care homes and supportive living accommodations; - with eligible medical and immunocompromising conditions; - who are pregnant, - all First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, health-care workers and other care providers working in facilities; and - teachers.	Fall 2026 targeted eligibility public program begins October 19, 2026 . Albertans 12+ who do not meet provincial eligibility may purchase privately procured COVID-19 vaccine from participating pharmacies . Children (age 6mos to 11 years) who do not meet the eligibility criteria can access publicly funded vaccine at Primary Care Alberta, with an administrative fee of \$100.
RSV	Current: adults 70+ living in the community; adults 60+ living in continuing care/supportive living; and First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals 60+. Effective October 1, 2026 , eligibility expands to also include adults 18–69 who - have had a lung transplant, - have had a hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT), - require home/chronic oxygen therapy, or - are receiving dialysis.	Current: adults 70+ living in the community; adults 60+ living in continuing care/supportive living; and First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals 60+. Effective October 1, 2026 , eligibility expands to also include adults 18–69 who - require home/chronic oxygen therapy, or - are receiving dialysis. Pharmacists must refer lung transplant and HSCT patients to PCA Public Health.	Only one RSV dose is needed in a lifetime. A person who has previously received any dose of RSV vaccine , including a privately purchased dose, is considered up-to-date and is not eligible for another dose.
Pneumococcal – Pneu-C20 (Pv20)	Provincially funded for all adults 65+ who have not previously received Pneu-C20, and adults 18+ in designated populations at increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) who have not previously received Pneu-C20. Eligibility was expanded effective August 1, 2025 so previous receipt of other pneumococcal vaccines does not, by itself, exclude a patient from a funded Pneu-C20 dose.	Pharmacists may administer Pneu-C20 to - all adults 65+ who have not previously received Pneu-C20 eligible individuals 18+, EXCEPT solid organ transplant candidates/recipients, CAR T-cell therapy recipients and HSCT recipients, who must be referred to PCA Public Health.	One publicly funded Pneu-C20 dose if eligible and the person has not previously received Pneu-C20. Refer to Biologic Pages for age and type of vaccine appropriate spacing .

[Benefact 1268](#) – Pevnar 20™ (Pneu-C20) eligibility to expand effective August 1, 2025

[Benefact 1338](#) – Fall Immunization Program Update

[Benefact 1326](#) – Fall influenza immunization program 2026–2027

[Respiratory Vaccine Public Information](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine – Eligibility Reference

Eligible underlying medical conditions

- cancer (currently receiving treatment)
- cerebrovascular disease
- chronic liver diseases
- chronic lung diseases
- chronic kidney diseases
- cystic fibrosis
- diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2
- disabilities (for example, Down syndrome, learning, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, ADHD, cerebral palsy, congenital disabilities and spinal cord injuries)
- heart conditions (for example, cardiomyopathies, coronary artery disease, heart failure and more)
- mental health disorders (limited to mood disorders, including depression; schizophrenia and spectrum disorders)
- obesity
- pregnancy
- tuberculosis

Eligible immunocompromising conditions

- HIV infection
- primary immunodeficiency diseases
- solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- use of corticosteroids, other immunosuppressive medications or CAR T-cell therapy

Eligible health care workers

- Individuals actively [registered with one of our colleges](#).
- Union members (for example, UNA, HSAA, AUNP, AUPE, CUPE) as well as individuals who work in patient-facing settings such as:
 - hospital staff (including students in health disciplines, contract workers and volunteers)
 - staff in community health settings (for example, clinical labs, home care, shelters)
 - medical first responders
 - staff in continuing care and supportive living
 - disability support workers and staff working in recovery settings
 - health care aides on the provincial registry
 - students training in facilities such as hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, continuing care homes and supportive living accommodations

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