

Notice to community pharmacies for ACPIP activity

On June 29, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) for Canada provided updated recommendations on eligibility criteria for fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccine. These recommendations can be found here: [Summary of NACI statement of June 29, 2022 \(canada.ca\)](#)

As Alberta Health reviews these recommendations, community pharmacies are encouraged to begin preparing to ramp up immunization activities in anticipation of new guidance for Alberta.

Pharmacy Wholesale Distributors are aware of these developments and are in the process of ordering increased inventory of COVID-19 vaccine to meet potential increased demand. McKesson has been asked to extend the prebook this week to allow an extra day for pharmacies to submit orders; the prebook will be open on Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8.

Community pharmacy partners in the ACPIP are encouraged to evaluate their current on-hand inventory of COVID-19 vaccine and determine whether additional inventory may be required. Community pharmacies may order additional COVID-19 vaccine beginning this week in preparation.

Further information on specific eligibility criteria for Albertans, clinical information and announcement timing of possible fourth dose expansion will be provided once details are finalized. At this time, please do not contact Alberta Blue Cross, Alberta Health Services or Alberta Health for more information. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.

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