

COVID-19 Vaccine: Phase 2B

Albertans age 16 or older with underlying health conditions eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Who can receive the vaccine under Phase 2B of Alberta's vaccine distribution plan?

Anyone with at least one of the following underlying conditions can receive the vaccine during this phase. The criteria below is recommended by the Alberta Advisory Committee on Immunization and affirmed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

A doctor's note or other proof of a condition is not required to receive the vaccine. Albertans may want to consult their health care provider prior to booking their appointment if they need clarification on whether or not their condition is on the list, but this is not required.

Condition	Description
Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen	Individuals with congenital or acquired asplenia and functional hyposplenism
Cancer: People with a new diagnosis of or treatment for cancer in the last year	All forms of cancer are included, except non-invasive skin cancer.
Chronic heart disease and vascular disease	Chronic heart disease and vascular disease such as congenital heart disease, heart or kidney complications from high blood pressure, chronic heart failure, rheumatic heart disease, cardiomyopathy, heart valve disorders, ischaemic heart disease, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease or a history of arterial and venous thromboembolism, cerebrovascular diseases including stroke, TIAs, and aortic aneurysm. High blood pressure alone is not included.
Chronic kidney disease (CKD)	Individuals with moderate, severe or end stage CKD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderate CKD: stage 3, estimated glomerular filtration rate eGFR= 30-59 mL/min• Severe CKD: stage 4, eGFR= 15-29 mL/min• End stage CKD: stage 5, eGFR <15 mL/min
Chronic liver disease	Individuals with chronic liver disease including cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis, alpha-1-Antitrypsin deficiency, hemochromatosis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, Budd-Chiari syndrome, and Wilson's disease, and any other liver disease of similar severity.
Chronic neurological disease	Individuals with chronic neurological disease including epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, dementia, cerebral palsy, stroke, transient ischaemic attack (TIA), multiple sclerosis, conditions in which respiratory function may be compromised such as motor neuron disease, muscular dystrophy, mitochondrial myopathy, hereditary and degenerative disease of the nervous system such as Huntington's disease, and any other neurological disease with similar severity.
Chronic respiratory disease	Individuals with chronic respiratory disease. Examples include COPD, pulmonary hypertension, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, interstitial lung disorder, pulmonary fibrosis, pneumoconiosis, bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), and severe asthma, with severity defined as someone who has had an asthma-related emergency department visit or hospital admission in the past year.
Diabetes mellitus	Diabetes that requires insulin or other anti-diabetic medication.

Immunosuppression	<p>Individuals experiencing immunosuppression due to disease or treatment, including patients undergoing chemotherapy leading to immunosuppression, patients undergoing radiotherapy, HIV infection at all stages, multiple myeloma or genetic disorders affecting the immune system (e.g. complement deficiency, severe combined immunodeficiency, homozygous sickle cell disease, thalassemia major).</p> <p>Individuals who are receiving immunosuppressive or immunomodulating biological therapy including, but not limited to, anti-TNF drugs, alemtuzumab, ofatumumab, rituximab, patients receiving protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors, and individuals treated with steroid sparing agents such as cyclophosphamide and mycophenolate mofetil.</p> <p>Individuals treated with, or with a condition that will likely need to be treated with, systemic steroids for more than two weeks at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mg or more per day for adults.</p> <p>Anyone who may require long-term immunosuppressive treatments such as individuals with systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriasis.</p>
Pregnancy	Individuals who are currently pregnant
Severe mental illness or substance use disorder	Individuals with a hospital admission in the last year where schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, affective disorders, non-organic or organic psychosis, substance use disorders or any other mental illness is the most responsible disease for the admission.
Severe obesity	Individuals with a Body Mass Index (BMI) ≥ 40 kg/m ²
Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay including Down syndrome	<p>Individuals with severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay.</p> <p>Examples include chromosomal abnormalities including Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, autism spectrum disorder, Rett syndrome, severe or profound intellectual disability. ADHD is not an eligible condition.</p>
Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients	Individuals who have received these transplants, regardless of the date that the procedure occurred.

Book your appointment

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. The vaccine helps prevent you from getting infected and protects you from getting severely sick if you do get it.

Bookings are not currently open for Phase 2B. We will let you know as soon as you can book an appointment.