Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Plan

February 9, 2021
Goals

• Protect the most high risk and vulnerable.

• Minimize serious illness and death.

• Protect the capacity of the health care system.

• Minimize the spread of COVID-19.

• Vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.
Saskatchewan Approach

• Saskatchewan’s COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan is built on the foundation of age as the main risk factor.

• Phase 1 is focused on vaccinating high-risk populations, people of advanced age, and health care workers that have been identified as a priority.

• Phase 2 is focused on vaccinating the general population by age, as well as the clinically extremely vulnerable and people in emergency shelters and group homes.

• Focusing on age as a primary risk factor will enable Saskatchewan residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in a more efficient and timely manner.
# Saskatchewan COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

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<tr>
<th>Pfizer Pilot</th>
<th>Phase 1</th>
<th>Phase 2</th>
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<td><strong>Health Care Workers</strong></td>
<td><strong>High-Risk Populations</strong></td>
<td><strong>General Population</strong></td>
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<td>1,950 health care workers immunized in Regina.</td>
<td>Focused on vaccinating - long-term care and personal care home residents and staff; - priority healthcare workers; - residents 70+ in all communities; and - residents 50+ in remote, northern communities <em>(approximately 190,000 people requiring 380,000 doses).</em></td>
<td>Focused on vaccinating the general population in 10-year increments. - 60-69* - 50-59 - 40-49 - 30-39 - 16 (Pfizer)/18 (Moderna)-29</td>
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<td>Pilot project to better understand the handling and storage requirements of the Pfizer vaccine.</td>
<td>42,987 vaccines have been administered as of February 7, 2021.</td>
<td><em>At the same time the 60-69 population is immunized, people in emergency shelters and group homes will be vaccinated, as well as those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.</em></td>
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*Age groupings may widen under the age of 50 if vaccine supplies allow.*
Phase 1 Update: Vaccine Supply

• The Government of Canada has committed that every Canadian who wants to be vaccinated against COVID-19 will have access to a vaccine by September 2021.

• To meet that deadline, the Government of Canada originally announced that it had secured six million doses of the vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna combined) for Q1 2021.

• Of that supply, Saskatchewan was expecting to receive 191,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccine in Q1:
  – 124,800 doses of Pfizer vaccine
  – 66,500 doses of Moderna vaccine
Phase 1 Update: Vaccine Scarcity

- Saskatchewan is anticipating a shortfall of more than 12,600 doses of the Pfizer vaccine in Q1, as well 500 less doses of the Moderna vaccine.

- Currently allotments will allow less than half of Phase 1 priority populations to be fully vaccinated.

- Continued delays in receiving vaccines will extend time to vaccinate our most vulnerable people in Phase 1, as well as the rest of the population in Phase 2.

- Future amounts of vaccine are unknown, as PHAC has not provided provinces/territories with confirmed allocations beyond Q1.
Phase 2

- Projected start: **April-June 2021** (depending on available vaccine supplies).
- Projected finish: Dependent on available vaccine supplies.
- General population immunized in 10-year increments:

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Estimated Population</th>
<th>Schedule</th>
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<td>60-69</td>
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<td>50-59</td>
<td>147,469</td>
<td>Schedule to be determined based on the availability of COVID-19 vaccine.</td>
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<td>40-49</td>
<td>151,901</td>
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<td>30-39</td>
<td>183,292</td>
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<td>18-29</td>
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- Targeted vaccinations to select congregate living and extremely clinically vulnerable populations.
Why Focus on Age?

- Age is the number one risk factor for severe outcomes, hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19.
- People of advanced age are more likely to be clinically extremely vulnerable or living with other chronic conditions.

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<th>Age Groups</th>
<th>Deaths*</th>
<th>Percentage of COVID-19 Deaths</th>
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<td>80 and over</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>52.7%</td>
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<td>60-79</td>
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<td>35.5%</td>
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<td>40-59</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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<td>20-39</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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*Deaths as of February 5, 2021
Phase 2 Targeted Vaccinations

Select congregate living settings:

- Group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities
- Emergency shelters

People with underlying health conditions that are clinically extremely vulnerable include:

- Solid organ transplant recipients.
- People with specific cancers.
- People with severe respiratory conditions.
- People with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections.
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase the risk of infection.
- Adults with very significant developmental disabilities that increase risk.
- Adults on dialysis or with chronic kidney disease.
Phase 2 Vaccine Clinics

• The Saskatchewan Health Authority will operate 230 clinics in more than 180 communities across the province.
  o Mass immunization clinics
  o Drive-thru clinics
  o Mobile clinics
  o Community clinics will also be available (e.g. pharmacies).

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Vaccine Clinics

• Three primary categories of clinics will be available:

  **By Appointment**
  • e.g. Public health clinics, mass immunization clinics

  **Drive-Thru/Walk-In**
  • e.g. Drive-thru clinics, mobile clinics

  **In the Community**
  • e.g. Pharmacies, physician offices, partnerships with community-based organizations
Far North/ North
## Far North/North

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<td>49</td>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>4</td>
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Saskatoon

- Mass immunization clinic
- Mobile clinic
- Drive thru
### Saskatoon Area

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Regina

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Additional Vaccine Clinics

• Clinics throughout rural, urban and northern Saskatchewan.

• Opportunity to add seasonal clinics (e.g. drive-thru clinics) as the weather allows.

• In addition to the SHA clinics, there will also be many other clinics, including:
  – Participating pharmacies (last year 385 pharmacies in 113 different communities participated in the flu immunization program)
  – Participating physicians’ offices
  – First Nations clinics
  – Community-based settings
  – Partnerships with large businesses/industries
Resourcing

• Up to 2,200 people involved in delivering COVID-19 vaccines in Phase 2.

• Approximately 675 health care workers being redeployed to deliver vaccines.

• Widespread deployment of immunization resources, including:
  - Public health staff
  - Casual, part-time and relief health care workers
  - Physicians
  - Nurse practitioners
  - First Nations health staff
  - Retired health care workers
  - Pharmacists
  - EMS
  - Medical students
  - Non-traditional immunizers
Keeping People Informed

• Information will be publicly shared to let you know:
  – When it’s your time to be vaccinated.
  – How to register for a vaccine appointment.
  – The different types of immunization clinics available.
  – How to find the closest clinics to you.

• All clinic and registration details will be available at https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

• Information will also be included in:
  – Advertising in local media
  – Social media
  – Online ads
  – Local publications
  – Posters
  – Direct mail
  – News conferences
Booking an Appointment

Phase 1

• Residents and staff in long-term care and personal care homes will be contacted directly.

• Priority health care workers will be contacted to book an appointment.

• People 70+ living independently in the community will receive information through direct contact, wherever possible, or through local media and social media where direct contact is not possible.
Booking an Appointment

Phase 2

• Central scheduling system under development for easy online access to vaccine appointments.
  – Appointments to be booked online through the Government of Saskatchewan website at https://www.saskatchewan.ca.
  – Operational in March 2021.

• Toll-free telephone line to allow residents to book appointments through a dedicated call centre.
  – Operational in March 2021.
Proof of Vaccination

• Electronic and paper copies of vaccination records available.

• People will receive a wallet card with a record of their COVID-19 vaccination.

• Vaccination records also stored electronically on MySaskHealthRecord.

• Register for MySaskHealthRecord at ehealthsask.ca.
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SMARTER.
SAFE.

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VACCINATION