# COVID-19 Vaccine Second Dose Strategy
# #FinishTheFight

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# Covid-19 Immunization Campaign Goals

- Protect those most vulnerable
- Minimize serious illness & death
- Protect health care capacity
- Minimize spread of COVID-19
- Immunize as many people as possible, quickly and safely.

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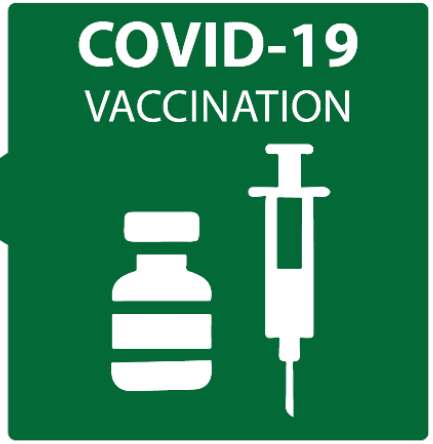
SMARTER.
SAFE.



# Who Requires a Second Dose and When?

- **Two doses** of the vaccines currently being administered in Saskatchewan (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca) **are required for maximum protection**

- **Once you are eligible, you are always eligible**.

- Following National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations, **2nd doses should be delivered within 16-weeks of receiving the 1st**.

- **Eligibility for 2nd dose starts approx. 13 weeks after the date patients received their 1st dose** so that doses can be administered prior to the 16 week interval; will aim to close this gap as more supplies are received.

- **Everyone will receive an offer of second doses by July 31**.

- The **only exception** to this will be the **Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines**.
  - Single shot vaccine
  - Not yet being administered in Saskatchewan. Expected in the coming weeks.

# What will the Notification look like?

Second doses will be offered in the same sequencing as first doses. Eligibility will be based on age or date of first dose.

**For example**:

As of May 17, anyone 85 years of age and older, **OR** anyone who received their first dose before February 15, 2021 is now eligible to book their second dose.

*First doses will continue to be offered at the same time as second doses.

# How will I know if I am eligible for a 2nd dose?

**There are four ways you can check**:

1) Refer to the **immunization card** you were given at your first appointment;

2) Check 'immunization history' on your **MySaskHealthRecord** account;

3) **Pharmacies** are able to look up the brand and date of a patient's first vaccine dose; or

4) If you're unsure or need help, **call 1-833-SASKVAX (727-5829)** for assistance.

Mass notifications about new clients eligible for 2nd doses will be included in Government & SHA news releases/Public Services Advisories

Letters will be issued to:

Organ transplant patients
Oncology patients
Patients on Rituximab

# Where will I get my 2nd dose & what brand will I receive?

Current guidelines recommend that **your 2nd dose should be of the same brand as your 1st dose.**

**Pharmacies, the SHA online booking system and the SaskVax phone** line will all support patients with **getting the same vaccine brand.**

**Mass clinics, mobile clinics, drive-thrus and pharmacies** will all have a role in providing second doses and **will clearly advertise the brand of vaccine they have available.**

# Key Messages: Help us #FinishTheFight

**You aren't fully protected until you receive your 2nd shot** of the vaccine! **Finish the Fight!**

**Eligibility** for 2nd dose **starts 13 weeks after receiving 1st dose**

**Access** will be **same as 1st dose** (i.e. drive thru's, pharmacies, clinics, etc).

**Check your date of 1st dose** and watch Government/SHA Communications channels **to determine when you are eligible for 2nd dose**

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