



# COVID-19 vaccine updates for Albertans

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Earlier this year, the Government of Alberta announced changes to how COVID-19 vaccines will be offered this fall.

At this time, we're sharing that starting this fall, COVID-19 vaccines will be available only through public health clinics, not community pharmacies. They will remain free for select high-risk groups but will be available to all other Albertans at \$100 per dose in October.

Below we have included more information on the Government of Alberta's phased plan and Alberta Blue Cross's® coverage.

## Vaccination phases and eligibility

The new COVID-19 vaccine program will be implemented in 2 phases starting October 2025:

### PHASE 1

#### HIGHEST RISK GROUPS

Appointments begin October 1, 2025

The vaccine is available at **no cost** through public health clinics for:

- Health care workers
- All residents of continuing care homes and seniors supportive living accommodations
- Home care clients
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals aged 65 and older receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit
- Individuals aged 6 months and older with underlying medical conditions or compromised immune systems

You **may** qualify for free vaccine coverage if you have an eligible medical condition.

Some conditions include diabetes, depression, certain heart conditions, obesity, pregnancy and more.

**You should check if you qualify—and save money on coverage**

**Eligible underlying medical conditions:**

- 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 development disabilities, ADHD, cerebral palsy, congenital disabilities, spinal cord injuries)
- Heart conditions (for example: Cardiomyopathies, coronary artery disease, heart failure, etc.)
- Mental health disorders (limited to: Mood disorders, including depression, schizophrenia, spectrum disorders)
- Obesity
- Pregnancy
- Tuberculosis

**Eligible immunocompromising conditions**

- Cancer (currently receiving treatment)
- HIV infection
- Primary immunodeficiency diseases
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Use of corticosteroids, other immunosuppressive medication or CAR T-cell therapy

**PHASE 2**

**ALL ALBERTANS AGED 6 MONTHS AND OLDER**

**Appointments expected to begin on October 20, 2025**

The vaccine is available to all other Albertans 6 months and older for **\$100** per dose through public health clinics.

## How to get your vaccine

### Pre-order by September 30 (optional)

Albertans can [pre-order their COVID-19 vaccines](#) through the Alberta Vaccine Booking System.

**Pre-ordering does not confirm eligibility nor appointment time.** If you miss the pre-order deadline, you can still book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment once vaccines become available in October.

## Coverage through Alberta Blue Cross

Some benefit plans may have coverage for vaccines, but the coverage amount will vary.

## How to check if you have coverage

Starting mid-September, you can check your drug coverage to see if vaccines are covered, and how much coverage you have left before getting the vaccine.

Here's how to do that:

- Sign in to your [account](#)
- Go to Benefits
- Go to the drug section and use the look-up tool to check your eligibility
- Enter the following drug names:
  - Spikevax (provided by Moderna)
  - Comirnaty (provided by Pfizer)

## Reimbursement for the COVID-19 vaccine

We have consulted with the Alberta government and can confirm that receipts that will be issued by Alberta Health Services will meet our receipt requirements.

- You will receive an invoice in the mail after your public health vaccine appointment.
- After you have paid the invoice, you can request a receipt from Alberta Health Services

### Phone numbers:

- Toll free: **1-855-919-6097**
- Edmonton: **780-946-8951**

Press 3 to reach billing. Your receipt will be mailed out to you.

Submit this receipt as a drug claim in your member account.

[Learn how to submit a claim.](#)

## Important

Do not submit an invoice. We require a receipt that includes the details below.

## What the receipt must include

For coverage eligibility, the receipt must include all of the following information:

- First and last name of the person receiving the vaccination
- Date of service
- Description of the service or Drug Identification Number (DIN)
- Quantity
- Name of the public health clinic
- Amount charged, which has been marked as paid in full (zero balance owing)

**If any of this information isn't included, it will result in requests for more information and delay your claim.**

## Frequently asked questions

### Can I get my vaccine at a pharmacy?

At this time, the Alberta government will be providing these only through public health clinics across Alberta. Select pharmacists will provide immunizations at continuing care and assisted living facilities.

### How can I know if my medical conditions qualifies for free coverage?

There are many common conditions that qualify for free coverage. You can [check the list of eligible conditions](#) on the Alberta government website. Select **Fall 2025-2026 COVID-19 immunization program**.

### I received an invoice after my vaccination. Can I submit it for reimbursement?

No, Alberta Blue Cross cannot provide reimbursement until you've paid your invoice and requested a receipt showing that you've paid in full. You can submit your receipt as a drug claim.

## Important links

- [Alberta government COVID-19 updates page](#)

Official COVID-19 information and vaccine updates for Albertans

- [Pre-order the vaccine](#)

Access to the booking system through the Alberta government COVID-19 updates page

## Questions?

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, you can visit the [Canadian Immunization Guide](#).



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