

# Information update

## New Brunswick COVID-19 vaccination program

### New Brunswick's COVID-19 Immunization Plan

- New Brunswick's COVID-19 immunization plan aims to minimize serious illness and overall deaths while minimizing societal disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The goal is to immunize as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.
- Widespread immunization presents the best option to protect people from COVID-19 and, over time, to lift the restrictions put in place to keep people safe and healthy.

### Vaccinations to date

As of Monday Jan. 18 the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) is showing:

- Received 17,775 doses of vaccine
- Administered 10,436 doses
- Fully vaccinated 2,567 people
- 7,339 doses available for planned clinics and second dose for people already vaccinated

### Vaccination program

- We are on schedule with where we expected to be at this time.
- We hold some doses to ensure people who have received their first dose receive their second dose and are fully protected.
- To date, 99% of vaccine available for administration in New Brunswick has been given.

### Prioritization

- Like other provinces, New Brunswick is basing its prioritization and sequencing on the work of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommendations on key populations to be immunized first. The first group includes healthcare workers in direct contact with patients, nursing home residents and staff, seniors, and adults in Indigenous communities.
- Due to the small number of doses of vaccine available it is expected to take until the end of March to vaccinate everyone in those groups.
- As vaccine inventory increases and eligibility is expanded, information will be provided to indicate how others can register to receive the vaccine.

### Prioritization of other groups

- Due to the small number of doses of vaccine currently available, it is expected to take until the end of March to vaccinate everyone in the first group, including nursing home residents and staff, frontline health-care workers in direct contact with patients and health-care workers supporting the COVID response. We will also be working with each First Nation community to better understand their needs and develop the best approach to immunizing their adult members.
- The Department of Health will soon contact New Brunswick seniors over the age of 85 by mail to provide them with details on how to register for an appointment. By April, we expect to have enough vaccine supply that we can gradually immunize all seniors, working down in groups of five years until we have immunized everyone over the age of 65. People will be contacted directly to register.

