



COVID-19

Immunization Campaign & Delivery Plan



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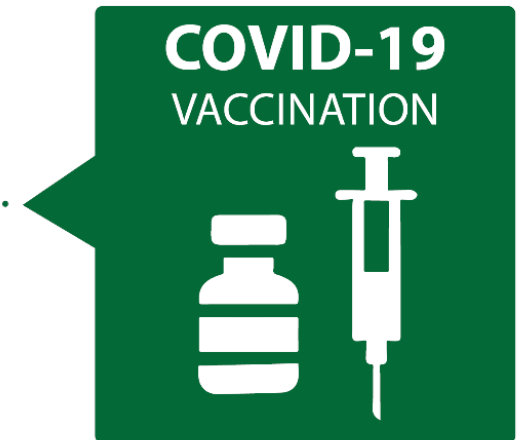
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Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

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FASTER.
SMARTER.
SAFE.



Immunization Campaign Goals

- Minimize serious illness & death
- Protect those most vulnerable
- Protect health care capacity
- Minimize spread
- Protect critical infrastructure



LTC Resident Jimmy Favel receives his COVID-19 vaccination with his granddaughter Brittany who is an RN in Ile-a-la Crosse Long Term Care

Phase One Priority Populations

Category

Long term care/personal care home residents and staff

Prioritized health care workers

Ages 80+ years

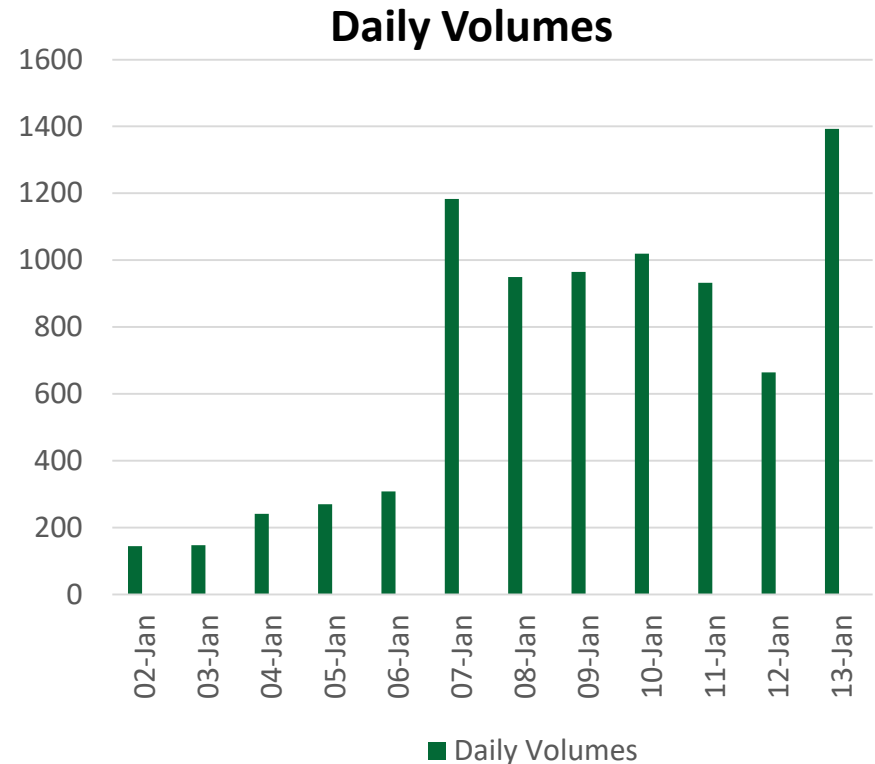
Ages 70-79

Remote/North 50+

Currently planned Federal allocations for Phase One leave us **approximately 50% short** of fully immunizing the high priority populations approved by the COVID-19 Immunization Oversight Committee and as recommended by clinical and ethical experts

Update on Progress

- 7 day average of **1,000+ delivered/day** (Jan 7-13)
 - Jan 13 distribution slowed by weather
- Continuing improvement is strengthening our ability to increase daily volumes
- With increased pace of delivery expected in the coming days, Pfizer allocation may run out before next allocation



Faster – Key Strategies

Speed matters. Every day counts to save lives and reduce the overall impact of COVID-19.

- ✓ ***Hub Model:*** Establish Pfizer/Moderna distribution hubs in approx. 20 locations
- ✓ ***All hands on deck:*** Deliver through all appropriate health care providers and available external resources
- ✓ Continue supporting & strengthening ***mobile immunizations teams***
- ✓ ***Test new delivery methods locally*** for priority populations and determine ability to scale up or utilize in other locations
- ✓ ***Forecast vaccine distribution further in to the future*** to enable teams to better prepare for rapid distribution
 - Stable, predictable and large volume allocations enable more rapid delivery
- ✓ ***Ensuring all areas of the province are in a state of readiness*** for rapid and safe delivery of the vaccine as quickly as possible once they receive it

Smarter

Learning matters: Continuous improvement is already resulting in more rapid delivery

- ✓ ***Leveraging our experience from the influenza vaccine,*** but also recognizing where it's different and adapt accordingly
 - Key differences: limited, variable and unpredictable allocations, the need to sequence priority populations, multiple vaccines and more complex transportation/distribution

- ✓ ***Identifying improvements from initial pilot/early phases***
 - e.g. transportation improvements are already increasing pace of delivery

- ✓ Empowering teams to ***identify creative/innovative delivery methods***
 - Power of a single health authority is that good ideas can be more easily scaled/replicated in different areas of the province

- ✓ ***Learning from our partners:*** Planning and vaccine delivery will be **coordinated with stakeholders** (First Nations/Metis Partners, CBOs, etc)

Safety matters: High uptake requires strong communications to ensure the public knows the vaccine is safe



The COVID-19 Vaccine is:

- Safe – Health Canada approved
- Effective – 90%+ reduction in infection
- Simple – like getting a flu shot

The World Health Organization:

- Estimates that vaccines save 2-3 million lives in a normal year
- Lists vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 global health risks

Key Challenges

- Delivering to high risk populations in remote locations can slow pace of delivery at times.
- Pfizer is more logistically challenging to distribute to rural/remote locations
- Time-intensive consent process, high volume booking processes
- Limited, variable and unpredictable allocations
- Adverse winter weather may cause transportation challenges at times, especially in rural and remote settings
- Resources strained given the need for continued pandemic response
 - Significant challenges given high COVID cases, hospitalizations, etc.

Key local actions in the immediate days ahead:

- Continued rollout of vaccines to priority sequenced populations in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw as well as throughout areas in the North, Central-East and South-East parts of the province.
- Roll out of by-appointment clinics for ages 70+ in Wakaw/Cudworth Rosthern, Big River, Canwood, Shellbrook, Birch Hills, Debden, Blaine Lake, Candle Lake, Christopher Lake.
- Localized rollout is determined through a combination of risk criteria for priority populations, logistical factors and availability of supply.
- *Note:* speed of delivery in days ahead may be impacted by weather

Other key next steps:

- Continue to build out prioritization of groups for phase two
- Continue to prepare for widespread immunization in phase two
- Ensure teams are ready to deliver vaccine as soon as possible on arrival to enhance speed of delivery

Key Messages

Key Messages:

- Safety of our patients, residents and health care workers is our #1 priority
- Speed matters. That is why we need to continually get faster and smarter.
- Stable, predictable and large volume allocations make rapid delivery easier
- Our health care system is at its most fragile point yet. The public needs to remain vigilant.

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