

How primary care providers can support COVID-19 vaccination

Proactively engage patients to strengthen vaccine confidence

- Tips on how to structure conversations about vaccination – [PrOTCT Plan framework for vaccine discussion](#)
- For talking tips about specific vaccine questions – Centre for Effective Practice [Ensuring Patient Confidence in Vaccines](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: Medical-legal FAQ](#) (Canadian Medical Protective Association)
- [How to address vaccine hesitancy and refusal by patients or their legal guardians](#) (Canadian Medical Protective Association)
- Education Program for Immunization Competencies (EPIC) and additional modules offered online by the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS). Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) providing access to three modules. Access at <https://pedagogy.cps.ca> (select 'Enrollment Key' and enter **onpedagogy**).
 - 1 – Education Program for Immunization Competencies (EPIC)
 - 2 – Moving to Acceptance – How to address vaccine hesitancy in your busy practice
 - 3 – Overcoming hesitancy about the COVID-19 vaccine).

Identify your priority population groups

- Phase 2 priority populations have been identified as:
 - Older adults, beginning with those >80 years of age and decreasing in five-year increments
 - Individuals living and working in high-risk congregate settings
 - Frontline essential workers (e.g., first responders, teachers, food processing industry)
 - Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions and their caregivers
 - Other populations and communities at greater risk of COVID-19

Adapted from [Office of the Premier, January 13, 2021](#); [Government of Ontario, January 13, 2021](#)

Begin planning for potential in-office immunizations

- Review vaccine clinic checklists and materials available to begin planning
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Operations Planning Checklist](#) (Ministry of Health)

Report any adverse events

- Fill out the [Ontario Adverse Event Following Immunization \(AEFI\) Reporting Form](#) and send to Halton Region Public Health
- [Adverse Event Following Immunization Reporting for Health Care Providers in Ontario](#) (Public Health Ontario)