

How COVID-19 vaccines are distributed in Canada:

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Health Canada

- conducts a thorough and independent review of all vaccine data
- authorizes a vaccine for use in Canada only if it is safe, it works, it meets manufacturing standards, and the benefits outweigh the risks

National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI)

- makes recommendations on which groups should be prioritized for Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccines
- decisions are based on emerging evidence, biological and social risk factors for severe COVID-19 disease and outcomes, as well as foundational elements guiding ethical decision-making

Public Health Agency of Canada

- works with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to identify and procure vaccines and supplies
- distributes and determines allocations of vaccines to provinces and territories

Provinces and Territories

- determine how to allocate and distribute vaccines based on NACI recommendations and circumstances specific to their jurisdiction
- distribute vaccines within their jurisdictions to Indigenous communities on reserve, as well as, in urban settings

Vaccination clinics

- administer vaccines to those who are eligible and give consent

Indigenous Services Canada

- supports culturally safe vaccination programs by delivering or providing the following to First Nations communities on-reserve or, in some cases to organizations providing services to urban Indigenous peoples: financial support, human resources support, guidance, PPE and clinic supplies
- helps organize discussions where Indigenous partners, federal organizations, provinces and territories can connect to build relationships and add Indigenous context to their decision making processes
- advocates prioritizing vaccination of Indigenous peoples, no matter where they live