

Hello,

We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

1. UPDATED: COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing occurring in the regions

The attached COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing document summarizes information on current COVID-19 vaccination roll out plans and rapid testing initiatives occurring in all regions. **All updates are in red for easy reference.**

Note that this document is an attempt to synthesize available information only. Provincial/Territorial (PT) plans and initiatives will continue to be updated and refined over time. Industry stakeholders should always consult with PT/local authorities for the latest information and to learn more about vaccination plans and rapid testing initiatives.

2. Event in a Box-Virtual Event on the COVID 19 Vaccination

As Canada's vaccine roll out continues, Canada is entering a very important phase in the fight against COVID-19. The safe and effective vaccines available in Canada will help prevent severe illness, hospitalizations and death from COVID-19. Canadians need to make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccination.

Reaching Canadians with these messages is a team effort and we rely on the networks, channels and connections of our key partners to help us along the way. On that note, we would like to invite you to get involved by organizing a virtual event on the COVID-19 vaccination for your networks.

To assist in this endeavor, the Government of Canada has created a virtual Event in a Box resource, focused on Canada's COVID-19 immunization plan. The Event in a Box includes a PowerPoint presentation, speaking points, videos and many other helpful resources on the event planning process, which can be easily adapted to suit a wide variety of virtual event formats. These resources and the downloadable PDF containing the entire toolkit can be found at [COVID-19: Host an engagement session on vaccines and public health measures in your community](#).

Getting vaccinated and encouraging your friends, family, employees and coworkers to do so can go a long way. If you feel comfortable doing so, please consider hosting a virtual event.

3. Information on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from the Public Health Agency of Canada

There are a number of updated resources available on the Public Health Agency of Canada website for the public including an **Outbreak Update** and the **COVID-19 Virtual Assistant: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)**. Your organization may also be interested in:

- **NEW!** [Summary of National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) updates of July 2, 2021](#)
- **UPDATE!** [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\): Meetings](#)
- [Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

- **COVID-19 Vaccines:**
 - **UPDATE!** [Health Canada updates Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine labels to include information on myocarditis and pericarditis](#)
 - **UPDATE!** [COVID-19: Vaccine safety and side effects](#)

- [AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine and COVISHIELD: Risk of Capillary Leak Syndrome](#)
- [Evergreen Rapid Review on COVID-19 Vaccine Attitudes and Uptake – Update 7](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#)
- [Reported side effects following COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#)
- **General information:**
 - **UPDATE!** [Social inequalities in COVID-19 deaths in Canada](#)
 - **UPDATE!** [COVID-19 rapid testing and screening in workplaces: What employers should know](#)
 - **UPDATE!** [About free test kit distribution through pharmacies for small and medium-sized organizations](#)
 - **UPDATE!** [Free rapid tests for small and medium-sized organizations](#)
 - **UPDATE!** [Free rapid tests: Pharmacy registration](#)
 - [Update on COVID-19 in Canada: Epidemiology and Modelling](#)
- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): [Travel restrictions, exemptions and advice](#)**
 - **UPDATE!** [COVID-19: Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#)
 - [COVID-19 mandatory hotel stopover: Plan and book](#)
 - [COVID-19: Summary data about travellers, testing and compliance](#)
 - [COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada](#)
 - [Assistance with COVID-19 travel restrictions and requirements](#)
 - [Use ArriveCAN to enter Canada](#), [Help for ArriveCAN](#) and [Contact us about ArriveCAN](#)
 - [COVID-19 and travel: Exemptions from testing and quarantine](#)
- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): [Awareness resources](#)**
 - **NEW!** [Video series: “My Why” on getting the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
 - **NEW!** [Travelling to Canada? Use ArriveCAN](#)
 - [COVID-19 Awareness Tool Kit](#)
 - [COVID-19 signs, symptoms and severity of disease: A clinician guide](#)
 - [Flying to Canada requirements checklist](#) and [Driving to Canada requirements checklist](#)
 - [Going out safely during COVID-19](#)

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Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder call will be held Wednesday July 21st at noon EST.

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account (aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@agr.gc.ca).

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