

Nova Scotia Health Pharmacy Department COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and Eligibility Documents for Immunizers

General Information:

- DHW [Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) Information for Health Professionals (“Evergreen Document”)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Dose Flowchart](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacist Consult Service](#): Call 1-833-768-1151 between 8:30am-4:30pm, 7 days a week
Outside of operating hours: option to leave a voicemail or email covidvaccineconsult@nshealth.ca.

Primary Series (2 or 3 dose) - Age 6 months and up:

- Current NS Eligibility: [Book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment in Nova Scotia \(canimmunize.ca\)](#)
- DHW Memo: [COVID-19 Primary Series for Children 5 to 11 years of age who are Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised \(Third Doses\)](#) - Feb 8, 2022:
- DHW Memo: [Updated list of those considered moderately-severely immunocompromised](#) - July 5, 2022
- DHW Memo – [Moderna COVID-19 vaccination for individuals 6 months to 5 years of age](#) – July 15, 2022
- Eligibility Criteria: [Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine for moderately to severely immunocompromised Nova Scotians](#) Updated: July 28, 2022
- [Immunosuppressive Medication List](#) Updated: July 28, 2022
- Immunodeficiency Canada [Types of Primary Immunodeficiencies directory](#)

Booster Doses:

- Special Bulletin: [Booster COVID-19 vaccine doses in Nova Scotia](#) – Nov 5, 2021
- DHW Memo: [Booster COVID-19 vaccine doses in Nova Scotia - update](#) – Nov 19, 2021
- DHW Memo: [COVID-19 Booster Doses for Adolescents 12 to 17 years of age](#) – Feb 7, 2022
- DHW Memo: [Booster Doses for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Individuals](#) – April 4, 2022
- DHW Memo: [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Intervals and Dosage](#) – April 29, 2022
- NACI Summary Statement on Fall Booster: [Summary of NACI statement of June 29, 2022 \(canada.ca\)](#)
- DHW Memo: [Additional Booster Doses for Pregnant Individuals](#) – July 15, 2022
- DHW Memo: [5 to 11 Pfizer Pediatric Booster and Fall Campaign](#) – Aug 26, 2022

Optimization Doses and International Vaccines:

- DHW Memo: [Nova Scotia definitions of fully vaccinated, optimal protection and CIs](#) – August 31, 2021
 - Note: information on vaccine eligibility in NS after vaccination with a non-Health Canada authorized vaccine can also be found in the [Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) (Evergreen)
- List of World Health Organization (WHO) approved vaccines: [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker](#)

Vaccination after COVID-19 Infection:

- DHW Memo: [Timing of COVID-19 vaccination following SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#) – Feb 9, 2022
- Suggested Intervals: [Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) (Evergreen, page 40)

Vaccination after Myocarditis and/or Pericarditis:

- DHW Memo: [Subsequent doses of COVID-19 Vaccine following myocarditis and/or pericarditis](#) – Jan 10, 2022

COVID-19 Hub:

- NS Health [COVID-19 Hub](#) - resources for healthcare professionals and patients

Canadian COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and General Resources

- **Canadian Immunization Guide (CIG):** [Chapter on COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- **National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI):** [Statements and publications on COVID-19](#)
 - May contain statements and recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines not yet implemented into the CIG
 - **Subscribe to Canadian Immunization Guide/NACI recommendation [updates via email](#)
- **Government of Canada (Public Health Agency of Canada):**
 - [COVID-19 vaccine overview](#)
 - [Tool Kit for Health Care Providers](#)
- **BC CDC:**
 - [COVID-19 vaccination toolkit for health professionals](#)
 - [Healthcare Provider Q&A](#)
 - [Vaccine Considerations](#)

Vaccine Administration and Administration Error Management

- **Health Canada:**
 - [Managing COVID-19 vaccine administration errors and deviations \(12 years and over\)](#)
 - [Managing COVID-19 vaccine administration errors or deviations \(children 5 to 11 years of age\)](#)
- **Canadian Immunization Guide:** [Vaccine administration practices](#)
- **CDC:** [Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)
- **ISMP Canada:** [Updated Analysis and Shared Learning from COVID-19 Vaccine Errors](#)

Special Populations

Pregnancy and Lactation:

- **DHW Memo:** [Booster Dose interval for individuals who are pregnant](#) – Jan 24, 2022
- **DHW Memo:** [Additional Booster for Pregnant Individuals](#) – July 15, 2022
- **NS Health:** Decision aid: ["I'm pregnant or breastfeeding. Should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?"](#) and [video link](#)
- **Reproductive Care Program of Nova Scotia (RCP):** [COVID-19 Resources for NS Health Care Providers](#)
- **Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada:** [Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination in Pregnancy](#)
- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:** [Vaccinating Pregnant and Lactating Patients Against COVID-19](#) Updated: June 2022
- **COVID-19 Vaccines International Pregnancy Exposure Registry (C-VIPER):** [Registry](#)

Oncology:

- **NS Health:**
 - [Cancer and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Nova Scotia Health Authority \(nshealth.ca\)](#)
 - [FAQ - COVID-19 Vaccine and Cancer](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccination and Ambulatory Oncology Care Guide](#)
- **IWK Health Centre:** [Oncology/Hematology clinical guidance on COVID-19 Vaccines for children with cancer](#)
- **Canadian Cancer Society (CCS):** [Cancer and COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Pediatrics

- **NS Health/IWK Resources:**
 - Comfort Promise: [COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#)
 - [Vaccination resources for Youth & Families](#)
 - [Needle Distraction Puzzles](#)
 - [Nervous about Needles? \(7 tips\)](#)
 - [Pain Management Resources for Immunization](#)
- **Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP):** [Needle Management for Vaccinations & More](#)
- **Mature Minor Consent:**
 - NS Health [Consent and Minors for COVID-19 Interventions](#)
 - Government of Nova Scotia: [Mature Minor Consent for COVID-19 Immunization](#)
- **Immunize Canada:**
 - [CARD System](#): Documents aimed to improve the vaccination experience
 - [Reduce the Pain of Vaccination in Children Under 3 Years](#). A Guide for Parents
 - [Reduce the Pain of Vaccination in Kids and Teens](#). A Guide for Parents
 - [Immunization Pain Management](#) Documents (Clinician focused)

Needle Phobia:

- IWK/NS Health COVID-19 Immunization [Needle Anxiety vs. Phobia Poster](#)
- IWK/NS Health COVID-19 Immunization [Needle Phobia \(April 2022\) 5+.pdf](#)
- Immunize Canada [Needles Don't Have to Hurt](#)

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Resources

NS Health/IWK:

- [Initial Management of Anaphylaxis Following Immunization care directive \(NSHA PH-CD-020\)](#)
- [Initial Management of Anaphylaxis Following Immunization Documentation](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination: Anaphylaxis Clinical Signs and Symptoms Documentation](#)
- [The Difference Between Anaphylaxis and Syncope/Fainting Poster](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC):

- [PHAC: Anaphylaxis and other Acute Reactions following Vaccination: Canadian Immunization Guide](#)

Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI):

- [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Resources

Government of Nova Scotia:

- It's the Law: [Report AEFI Poster](#)
- Monthly Report: [AEFI with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Government of Canada:

- Report of [AEFI form](#): For adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination submit the form to CovidAEFI@nshealth.ca
- Weekly Report of [Reported side effects following COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#)
- Canadian Adverse Events Following Immunization Surveillance System (CAEFISS): [Adverse events following immunization](#)

World Health Organization (WHO):

- [WHO Immunization Stress-Related Responses](#)

Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT):

- Thrombosis Canada [Vaccine Induced Prothrombotic Immune Thrombocytopenia \(VIPIT\) Clinical Guide](#) and & COVID-19 [FAQ Document](#) (April 2021)
- COVID-19 Advisory For Ontario: [VITT Following Adenovirus Vector COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

NS Health Information Sheets for Patients

- Vaccine Information and After Care [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for 6 months - 5 years](#)
- Vaccine Information and After Care [Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines for Adults/Adolescents Aged 12 and Up](#)
- Vaccine Information and After Care [Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5-11](#)
- Vaccine Information and After Care [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- Vaccine Information and After Care [AstraZeneca](#)
- Vaccine Information and After Care [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Adults Aged 18 and Up](#)
- [AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD Information about Rare Symptoms](#)
- [Important Information about Myocarditis and Pericarditis for Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Information about COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses](#)

Other Links of Interest

- **CDC:** [Interim Clinical Considerations for the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#)
- **Government of Canada:** [Vaccine Development and approval in Canada](#)
- **ISMP** [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- **American Society of Health System Pharmacists** [COVID-19 Vaccines Resources](#)
- **New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM):** [COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Center](#)