

COVID Talks for Docs #6

Vaccination Update

Webinar Series:
Maintaining and Optimizing Your Practice
During Times of Rapid Change

**We will be starting the
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Session Overview

This webinar will respond to common and emerging questions from primary care and other generalist physicians (i.e., pediatricians, internal medicine) about the COVID-19 vaccination planning.

Participants will have time to ask questions related to managing patient and practice needs during COVID-19, including:

- What's new with Alberta's vaccine distribution plan?
- How can I help my patients get their vaccination?

Learning Objectives

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

- Apply Alberta's prioritization to identify vulnerable at-risk patients eligible for COVID vaccination
- Identify three roles that community physicians can play in supporting COVID vaccination.

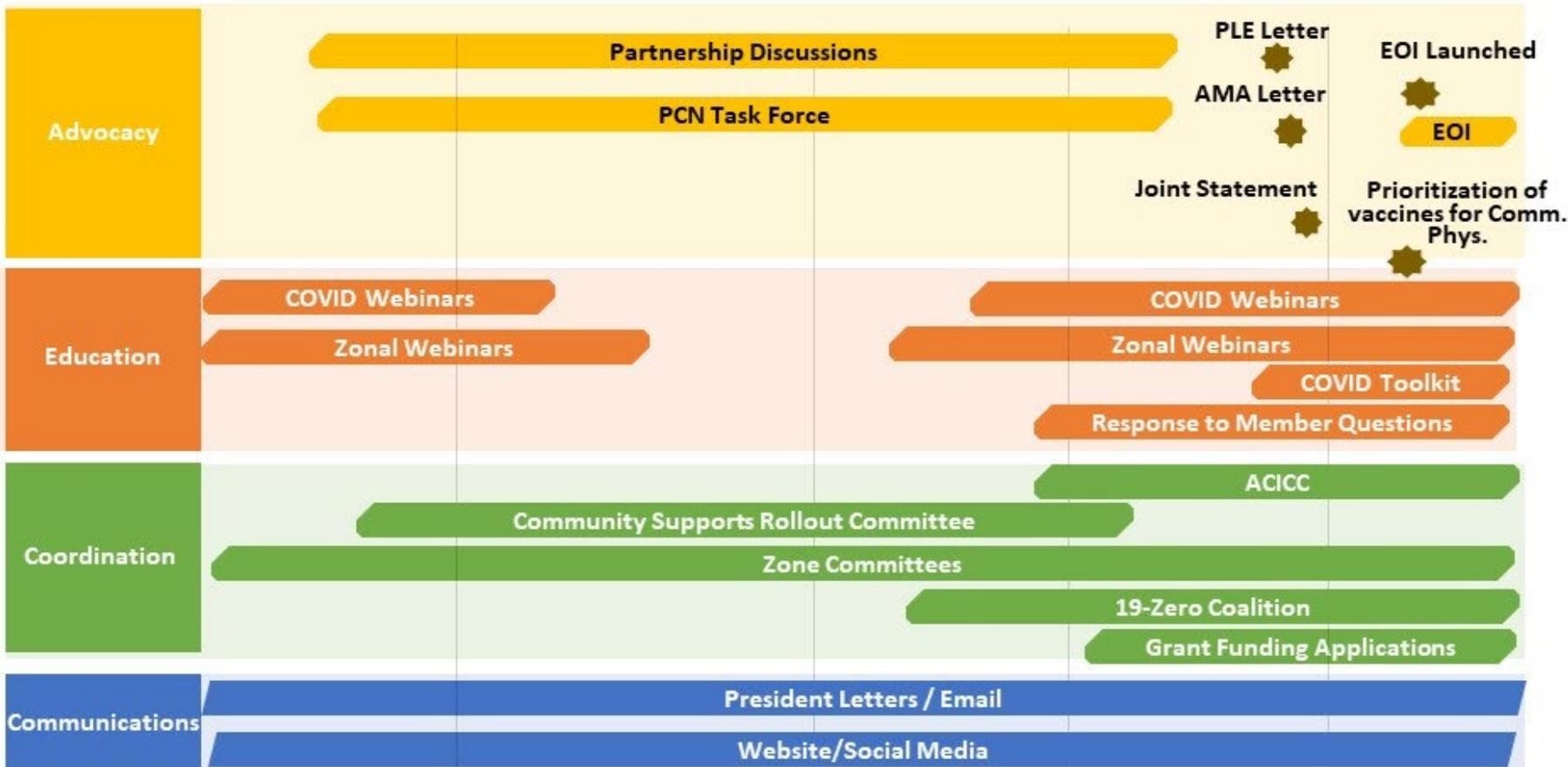
Primary Care Roles in Vaccine Promotion and Distribution

Dr. Ernst Greyvenstein



Timeline - Physician Involvement in Advancing Covid Care

March 2020 June 2020 September 2020 December 2020 March 2021



EOI Launched
EOI
Prioritization of vaccines for Comm. Phys.

Expression of Interest - As of March 15

Total EOIs
received

Option 1:
AHS Rapid
Flow Site

Option 2:
Physician Clinic Site or Partner
Site



~~437~~ 539
Expressions of Interest

~~351~~ 429
Rapid Flow Participants

~~145~~ 209
Proposed Clinical Arrangements

59
Applied to Both Options

Location	Participants
Red Deer	9
Other	29
Medicine Hat	5
Lethbridge	9
Grande Prairie	2
Fort McMurray	2
Edmonton	107
Calgary	188
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Total	351

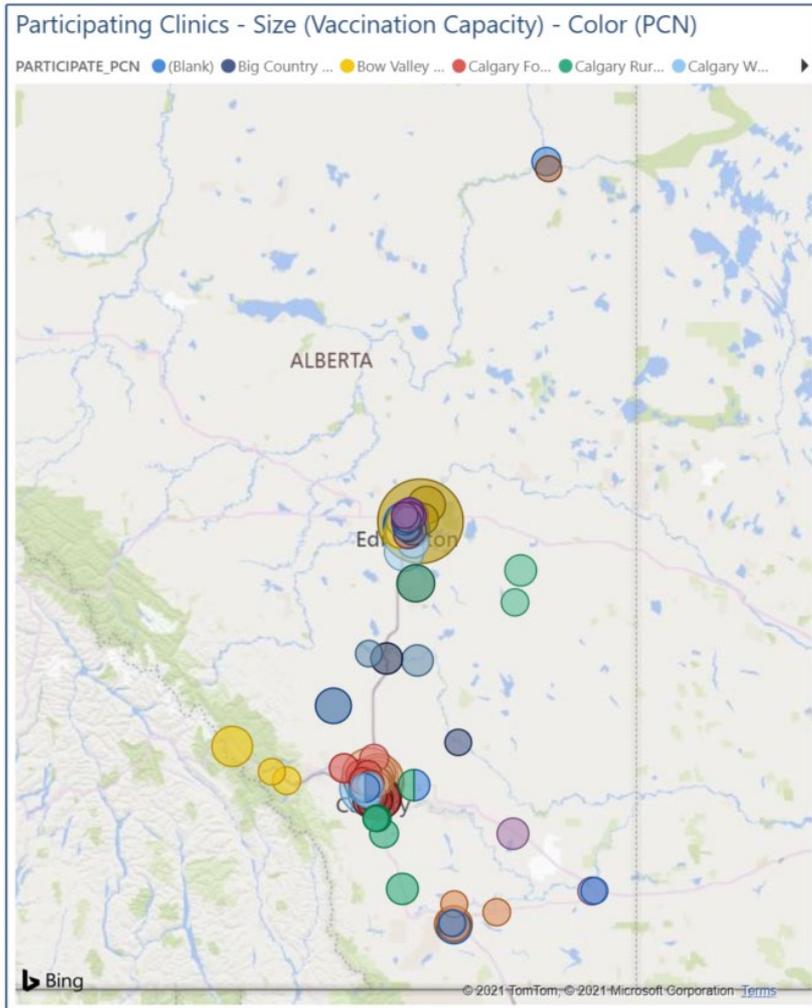
Zone	Clinics	Daily Dose Capacity
North	2	56
	5	498
Central	8	735
South	10	710
Edmonton	37	4054
Calgary	83	6560
Total	145	12613

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PCN	Clinics	Doses/Day
Wood Buffalo Primary Care Network	1	6
Wolf Creek Primary Care Network	2	118
Wetaskiwin Primary Care Network	1	200
South Calgary Primary Care Network	16	1280
Sherwood Park Strathcona County Primary Care Network	4	1350
Red Deer Primary Care Network	1	100
Peaks to Prairies Primary Care Network	2	170
Palliser Primary Care Network	2	140
Mosaic Primary Care Network	14	2130
Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network	3	330
Kalyna Country Primary Care Network	2	130
Highland Primary Care Network	1	50
Edmonton West Primary Care Network	5	365
Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network	7	565
Edmonton Oliver Primary Care Network	6	1140
Edmonton North Primary Care Network	10	400
Chinook Primary Care Network	5	380
Calgary West Central Primary Care Network	21	1769
Calgary Rural Primary Care Network	6	231
Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network	16	690
Bow Valley Primary Care Network	3	310
Big Country Primary Care Network	1	15
	16	744
Total	145	12613

Expression of Interest - As of March 10

Alberta COVID-19 pharmacy immunization program:
<https://ab.bluecross.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-program-information.php>



What's Next

- Bulletin - temporary Vaccine code
- Engage Zone and PCN's to support practices promote and deliver vaccinations based on their readiness
- Continue providing CME - Covid Talk for Docs
- Close coordination with partner organizations
- Communicate, communicate, communicate

Vaccine Rollout and Challenges

Dr. Jia Hu



COVID-19 Vaccines for Canada

Vaccine	Effectiveness in preventing COVID-19 Severe Illness	Efficacy against Symptoms	Authorization
Pfizer	95%+ effectiveness	95% efficacy (≥7 days after 2 nd dose) vs PCR+ infection	✓ Dec 9, 2020
Moderna	95%+ effectiveness	94% efficacy (≥14 days after 2 nd dose) vs PCR+ infection	✓ Dec 23, 2020
AstraZeneca Verity Pharma	80 - 90% effectiveness	63% overall efficacy (post 2 nd dose) vs PCR+ infection 82% if 2nd dose after 12 weeks	✓ Feb 26, 2021
Janssen/ Johnson & Johnson	85% effectiveness	66% overall efficacy vs PCR+ <u>and</u> moderate/severe disease	✓ Mar 5, 2021
Novavax		Press release: 89% efficacy in UK, >50% variants; 49% efficacy in South Africa, >90% variants, 6% HIV+	<i>Submitted Jan 29, 2021</i>
Medicago GSK		Phase 2-3 RCTs have commenced	Not submitted
Sanofi & GSK		Phase 1-2 trials – initial dose was not effective	Not submitted

Vaccine Prioritization & Logistics

Alberta uses a prioritization process that considers:

- 1. Risk of getting COVID-19 & if one has COVID-19 likelihood of severe disease**
2. Risk of transmitting to others
3. Health systems capacity (e.g., for ICU/ED staff)
 - AB indexes most heavily on (1); Other provinces have different prioritizations - which is okay
 - Vaccine will be available through public health, pharmacies, family doctors (all being built/scaled currently as we see dramatic ramp in supply)

Phase 2A: Started March 15 - Who's eligible?

- Albertans born 1947 to 1956 (turning 65 to 74), no matter where they live
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) people born 1971 or earlier (turning 50+), no matter where they live
- Staff and residents of licensed seniors supportive living facilities not included in Phase 1

Phase 2B: April to June - Who's eligible?

Albertans born 2005 to 1957 (16 to 64) with any one of the following high-risk underlying health conditions:

- Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
- Cancer
- Chronic heart and vascular disease, not including high blood pressure alone
- Chronic kidney diseases requiring regular medical monitoring or treatment
- Chronic Liver disease due to any cause
- Chronic neurological disease
- Chronic respiratory diseases, not including mild or well-controlled asthma
- Diabetes requiring insulin or other anti-diabetic medication to control
- Immunosuppression
- Pregnancy
- Severe mental illness or substance use disorder requiring a hospital stay during the past year
- Severe obesity (BMI of 40 kg/m² or more)
- Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay, not including ADHD
- Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients

Phase 2B: April to June

- A detailed clinical breakdown of eligible conditions in phase 2B is available here:
<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid19-vaccine-phase-2B-eligibility-fact-sheet.pdf>
- A doctor's or pharmacist's note is not required to get the vaccine. However, patients may want to talk to their doctor or pharmacist to help them understand if their condition is on this list.
- If someone qualifies for multiple vaccine programs - you have a choice...

Phase 2C: April to June. Who's eligible?

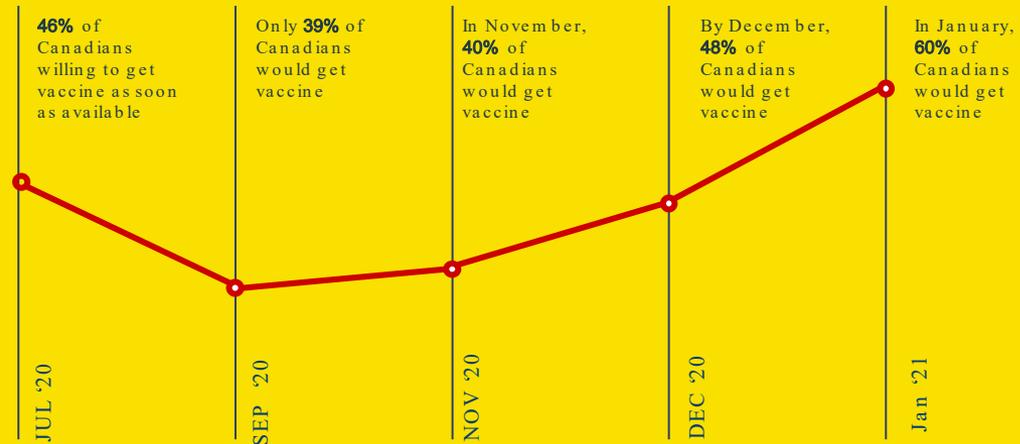
- Health-care workers working in patient care facilities or providing direct patient care in the community, including: **physicians**, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and all other regulated health care professionals and their office or support staff.
- Residents and support staff at eligible congregate living and work settings at risk for large outbreaks
- Anyone working in patient care facilities or providing services directly to clients in the community for AHS, Covenant Health, APL, DynaLife, & practicum students
- Healthcare workers on First Nation reserves.
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes

A person is holding a large, blank white sign. The sign is the central focus of the image. Overlaid on the sign is a red rectangular box containing the text "Vaccine Acceptance & Hesitancy" in yellow, bold, sans-serif font. The person's hands are visible at the bottom corners of the sign, gripping it. The background is slightly blurred, showing a person in a blue shirt.

Vaccine Acceptance & Hesitancy

WILLINGNESS TO BE VACCINATED

Just over
half of
Canadians
currently
willing to
get the
vaccine
right away



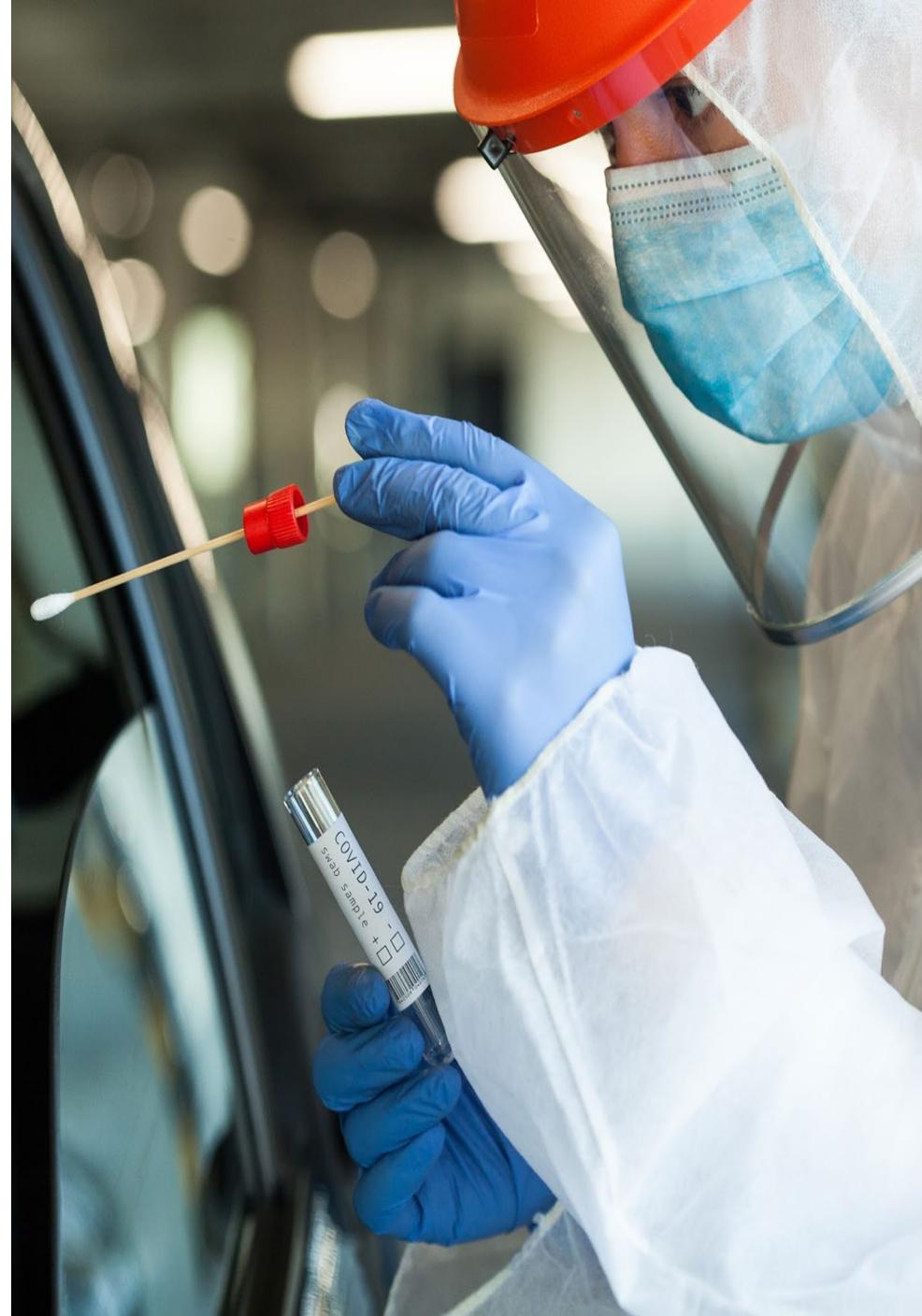
Angus Reid, 2020 |
Base: Total (n=1,580)

Vaccine hesitators are more likely to be:

- 18-34 years old
- A visible minority
- Have children
- Have a household income <\$40k/yr
- Unsure of vaccine safety

People who completely oppose the vaccine are more likely to be:

- 18-34
- Believe vaccines are harmful
- Work in construction/manufacturing



Toolkits

Dr. Brad Bahler



Be a Vaccine Positive Clinic - Toolkit

www.albertadoctors.org/BacktheVax

- Easy to navigate web-based format
- Practical content relevant to physicians & teams
- Curated evidence-based information from multiple sources
- Regularly updated to ensure accurate and relevant information
- Example tools that can be easily revised and implemented in your practice

What's in the Toolkit?

- Evidence and information on vaccine safety and efficacy for practice teams
- Patient materials to inform them about the vaccines
- Considerations for vaccinating special populations
- Information about reporting adverse events
- Materials to support vaccine promotion
- Scripts and EMR tools to address vaccine hesitancy



Be a Vaccine Positive Clinic



Family physicians and their teams are best suited to educate patients about the importance of getting vaccinated. You can address fear and trepidation around vaccine hesitancy, identify patients at risk of serious outcomes with COVID-19 infection and reach out to patients when they are eligible to receive a vaccine. You know your patients and their story, they trust you to take care of them. When you know the patients, they listen to you.

This summary document can be used in conversations with clinic staff around the valuable role you can play in addressing patient vaccine hesitancy.

A toolkit has been developed to support family physicians and practice teams in conversations with patients about the COVID-19 vaccine with relevant and practical information. The information contained in this toolkit is updated frequently and we encourage you to check back regularly for the most up-to-date information.

Dr. Adam Vyse, a family physician from High River, explains the value of primary care in the COVID-19 vaccination program.



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COVID-19 (2019 novel coronavirus)

COVID-19 Business Supports

Be a Vaccine Positive Clinic

Be informed

Be visible

Accelerate uptake

COVID-19 Immunization Program

This toolkit is divided into three sections



Be informed

Many patients and health care providers have doubts about vaccination safety and efficacy. Here you will find key information for providers, including: evidence and information on vaccine safety, vaccinating special populations, reporting adverse events, and more.



Be visible

Materials to support clinics to become leaders in vaccine promotion, including patient materials, example videos, images and social media posts.



Accelerate uptake

Scripts and EMR tools for primary care providers and their teams to address and document vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

The toolkit includes content and links from our partners, including the Government of Canada, Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, the Centre for Effective Practice, 19 to Zero, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, the Alberta College of Family Physicians and more.

► Acknowledgements

Questions

If you have any questions about this toolkit, please email backthevax@albertadoctors.org.

National Toolkit

<https://covidtoolkit.ca/>

- Online toolkit to support COVID vaccinations
 - Tools to inform and identify patients eligible for vaccine
 - Tools to help plan community based vaccination clinic
 - Tools to support running the vaccine clinic
 - Tools for following up with patients

COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit

A Toolkit for Primary Care Clinics

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Primary Care COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit

CURRENT IMMUNIZATION STATUS IN CANADA:

Distributed Vaccines: 2611680
Administered Vaccines: 2091700

This toolkit is here to help primary care clinics plan as they support the COVID-19 immunization effort.

While we expect the initial vaccines will be available in limited supply and will be provided first to highest risk individuals, and to healthcare

Look through the following sections of the Toolkit:

INFORM AND IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

- [COVID Information & Vaccine Status](#)
- [Engage Vaccine Hesitant Patients](#)
- [Update Your Patients](#)
- [Identify Eligible Patients](#)
- [Focus on Key Populations](#)

PLAN YOUR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

- [Determine Your Capacity for Immunization Clinics](#)
- [Prepare For Your Immunization Clinic](#)
- [Book Patients and Provide Pre-Clinic Orientation](#)

Questions and Answers



Upcoming Webinars

March 31: AMA COVID Talks for Docs #7: Long COVID: <https://www.albertadoctors.org/services/media-publications/webinars-online-learning>

March 23: CFPC Vaccine Update, Part II: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSfRoDWWLNM

Evaluation Link & CME Credits

Evaluation Link:

<https://interceptum.com/s/en/R003172021>



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