

Provincial Partner Oversight Team News

May 2024

Vaccine Storage and Handling is Imperative to Vaccine Effectiveness

- Vaccines may become less effective or destroyed when exposed to temperatures outside of the recommended ranges or inappropriately exposed to light. More information available at [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#)
- The storage and Preparation/Reconstitution of COVID-19 vaccine is unique. Refer to the [Immunization Program Standards Manual](#) for questions such as expiry dates once a vial is opened or thawed.
- Are you wondering if your vaccine has been compromised? Please refer to the [Cold Chain Excursion](#) page. See the Cold Chain Excursion Algorithm or contact the [PPO Team](#).

Spring 2024 COVID-19 Immunizations

The [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#) reports the protection from COVID-19 immunization and previous COVID-19 infection decreases over time.

Alberta Health recommends an additional dose of the XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine in the Spring 2024 for all residents of senior congregate care facilities.

Planning Ahead

Fall Immunization Program

Our team is preparing the Fall Outreach Immunization 2024-2025 PPO Survey. The timing of the survey distribution usually coincides with vacation absences. Please ensure a staff member, who is familiar with the survey process and the needs of your residents, is available to complete this survey. As always, our team is here to support you during this time.

Questions to Consider

Have you had a discussion with your vaccine provider about the 2024-2025 Fall Outreach immunization season? Will they be able to provide immunizations to your residents and staff? Will you need multiple providers? Now is a good time to think about your arrangements for your Fall Outreach Immunization programs.

Please ensure we have your current contact information. [Contact us](#) with any changes to your main or alternate contact name or email.

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