

Provincial Partner Oversight Team News

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Did You Know?

- [The National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#) indicates administering COVID-19 and influenza vaccines at the same time, in separate syringes and needles, is safe and effective.
- Using low dead-volume syringes when drawing up Pfizer® COVID-19 vaccine can help to draw up 6 full doses. Standard syringes are safe to use, but there may not be enough volume to extract the sixth dose from the vial. See the [Immunization Program Standards Manual \(IPSM\)](#) for more information.

Thinking Ahead

- RNs/LPNs employed by your seniors congregate care facility may be able to complete the education and training to immunize residents and staff. [Contact the PPO team](#) to start the process.
- For AHS facilities, Connect Care may have affected your immunization processes (i.e., looking up records, consent forms). Review these with your Connect Care Superuser.
- We are preparing for the 2024-2025 outreach immunization program. The PPO REDCap Survey will be emailed soon.

What's New?

The new Alberta Continuing Care Act, came into effect on April 1, 2024. The Act includes updated language or terms for the different types of senior congregate care facilities.

The PPO Team will be using the new terms in the upcoming fall REDCap Survey:

Type A CCH: previously known as Long-term care (LTC)

Type B CCH: previously known as Designated Supportive Living (DSL), DSL 4D, DSL 4 or DSL3.

Supportive Living: previously known as Non-Designated Supportive Living (NDSL) facilities.

Learn more at [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca) and the FAQs page on the [AHS Continuing Care Directory](#).

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