

Calgary Zone

Pandemic RESPONSE



Friday, February 5, 2021

Dear colleagues, PCN staff and teams,

Today's [announcement](#) that family physicians will have the opportunity to play an important role in Alberta's vaccination campaign is welcome recognition of the impact primary care has had on the pandemic response throughout Alberta, and particularly here in Calgary and the surrounding areas.

There are many questions still to be answered about the timeline for physicians and clinics to receive the vaccine, as well as the role clinics and PCNs will play in administering the vaccine. We continue to advocate on your behalf and will let you know more about these plans in the coming days and weeks.

As was referenced in the announcement, family physicians have a crucial part to play in talking to patients who may have questions or concerns about vaccination. More than 500 physicians watched Monday's vaccination webinar, but for those who were not able to attend, a [video recording](#) and [PrOTCT role play video](#) are available. The Alberta Medical Association also just released a very helpful [toolkit for physicians](#).

In the Calgary Zone, we're very proud of the central role primary care has played in the local pandemic response, which in no small part has contributed to 97 per cent of COVID-19 patients being cared for in the community. We are continuing discussions, both locally and at provincial tables, about how clinics and PCNs can be part of the vaccine deployment plan. We also welcome the acknowledgement that physicians, staff, and teams are at risk of exposure and need to be included in the prioritization list.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your patients. We hope today's announcement represents a growing recognition of the enormous impact and influence primary care can have on the health of all Albertans.

Yours sincerely,

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