

Physician Volunteers AHS Covid Vaccination Clinics

AHS Vaccination Clinics – Physician Volunteer Support

AHS is anticipating an increased need for health professional volunteers to support Covid vaccination clinics as vaccine supplies stabilize and increase over the next few months .

Physician volunteers will be part of a cohort of health care professionals supporting the vaccination clinics across the province. Volunteer assignments will be dependent on completion of all onboarding requirements, vaccine supply, AHS staffing requirements, geographic location and physician volunteer availability .

Becoming a Physician Volunteer

Provincial Medical Affairs (MA) has compiled a register of interested physician volunteers through a variety of sources, including surveys through the CPSA and AMA, CMO Inbox or Zone contacts. Please forward your interest to participate to :

ProvMAPayments@albertahealthservices.ca

The mail should include full name, best email and phone contact information, CPSA number , and geographic location and confirmation of an AHS Appointment (if applicable) .

Compensation

Following discussions between the AMA and Alberta Health, it has been confirmed that physicians with PraeIDs can submit fee for service (FFS) claims for vaccinations they perform in an AHS-operated COVID-19 immunization clinic. This includes the COVID-19 vaccine code specifically described in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) bulletin: Med 242, posted on March 22, 2021.

All patients receiving vaccinations in AHS-operated COVID-19 immunization clinics will have an AHS record, either in electronic or paper format. If a physician chooses to submit FFS claims to AHCIP, AHS can provide patient information where electronic records are being utilized, or facilitate a process for paper based records. Physicians with questions about specific fee codes, or about how to arrange for an AHCIP accredited submitter to submit FFS claims, are encouraged to contact the AMA directly.

Onboarding Requirements

All physicians are required to complete an onboarding requirement prior to participating in an immunization clinic. These requirements vary slightly dependent on whether the physician has an AHS appointment, is a licensed physician without an AHS Appointment or is a retired physician returning to practice.

Completion of Public Health Learning modules are required of all physicians (details below) .

AHS Appointed Physicians will have met the majority of onboarding requirements . They will be granted temporary COVID privileges upon completion of the Public Health Learning Modules .

Non AHS Appointed Physicians will be required to :

- Provide CPSA license number
- Complete a statutory declaration form and return to Provincial Medical Affairs.



Form - AHSSC
Statutory Declaratio

- Complete Public Health Learning Modules

Retired Physician Volunteers :

CPSA Licensing

Retired Physician Volunteers will be placed on the CPSA Emergency Register . Registration is valid for 60 days , which is renewable . AHS will coordinate your licensing requirements with the CPSA as part of the onboarding process. CPSA Please do not contact the CPSA directly for licensing until directed by Provincial Medical Affairs .

CMPA Liability Coverage

CMPA has simplified the process for re-activating your membership to support you in returning to service for COVID activities. The attached webpage has a link that requires you to enter your membership number and login information and the have committed to provide you with a renewed membership in the Humanitarian category (\$912) within hours. (<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/covid19/retired-physicians-and-residents>)

AHS will reimburse the cost of the Humanitarian liability coverage upon completion of all onboarding requirements and eight hours of vaccination coverage. An invoice for reimbursement will be included in your onboarding documentation package .

Public Health Orientation Learning Modules

Step One :

These modules describe safe handling and management of the vaccines, temperature controls and vaccine packs .

<https://cdm.absorbtraining.ca/>

- Create an Absorb account
- Click on the Catalogue icon
- Click the Primary Health Tab
- Open the Vaccination Handling and Storage modules
- Complete Module 1-6 (approx. 2 hours to complete all 6)

Step Two :

A review of anaphylaxis management outside of the usual clinical setting .

- Return to the Primary Health Tab
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and complete the two Anaphylaxis Management Modules (approx. 30 minutes)

Step Three : Vaccine Product Introduction Module (60 minutes)

There are three options to complete the orientation vaccine module :

View the Power Point :

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipism-covid-19-imm-orientation-ppt.pdf>

Listen to a recorded session :

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/AHS_Website/tms/cdc/tms-cdc-ipism-covid-19-imm-orientation-presentation.mp4

Or register for a Zoom webinar :

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17354.aspx>

Verify completion of the above steps at :

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Volunteer Immunization

Immunizers are not given preferred access for vaccination . The vaccine will be provided to you in sequence per Alberta Health Immunization guidelines. If you prefer not to volunteer until you have received a first/complete dose, you may indicate that to the Provincial Medical Affairs office when we contact you to begin onboarding .

Onboarding Process

Provincial Medical Affairs will oversee all onboarding requirements.

1. Register your interest in being a participant at the above email .
2. Provincial Medical Affairs will contact you directly to ensure all necessary forms/ requirements are completed.
3. Provincial Medical Affairs will verify your information and process the application.
4. Upon completion of the required onboarding steps your information will be sent to the applicable Zone Public Health Scheduling Office for scheduling . The scheduling office will verify your availability and preferred vaccination clinic sites.

Further scheduling details will be provided as information becomes available from the Public Health scheduling offices .

We will provide regular updates to all volunteers as new information becomes available. Thank you for your willingness to support this essential work .

While we appreciate your willingness to participate , we cannot guarantee that participation will be required or utilized