

COVID-19 VACCINE FACTSHEET: SECOND DOSES

To ensure maximum protection against COVID-19 and its variants, everyone should get fully vaccinated. Ask your employer to schedule your vaccine appointments as soon as you are eligible.

Approved COVID-19 Vaccines in Canada

- Moderna, Pfizer, and AstraZeneca vaccines require 2 doses. Receiving 2 doses of these COVID-19 vaccines gives you the most protection against COVID-19 and its new variants/forms.
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) requires only one dose.

The best vaccine for your second dose is the vaccine that is available first. All vaccines given in Ontario provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants/forms.

Mixing brands of vaccines is safe and effective. Full vaccination is the greatest protection you can have against COVID-19 and its variants. Use the following guidance for your second dose:



| 1st vaccine dose received | 2nd vaccine dose recommended | When to take the 2nd dose | Additional Information |
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| Pfizer or Moderna | Pfizer or Moderna | As soon as possible after 28 days of your 1st dose, with informed consent | Moderna and Pfizer vaccines use similar mRNA technology and are safe to mix. These vaccines provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants. |
| AstraZeneca | Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca | 8-12 weeks after the first dose, with informed consent | A Moderna or Pfizer vaccine after the first dose of an AstraZeneca vaccine has been shown to provide a strong immune response. Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is preferred for your second dose since it provides better protection than receiving two doses of AstraZeneca. |
| Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) | 2nd vaccine dose is not required. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated with one vaccine dose. | | |

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AFTER YOUR SECOND DOSE

You will be considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after receiving your second dose of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine, even if they are from different vaccine brands.

Continue following all COVID-19 health and safety guidelines identified by public health officials until told otherwise.

Being fully vaccinated **may** make it easier when:

- traveling home at the end of the season
- traveling back to Canada to work in the future

Benefits **may** include avoiding the 14-day quarantine on arrival.

Note: Other countries may have different vaccination requirements.

Other COVID-19 vaccines

If you received a COVID-19 vaccine in your home country that is not currently approved by Health Canada, you will not be considered vaccinated by the Canadian government.

The Canadian government recommends that you become vaccinated with a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Janssen).

Speak with your employer or a health care professional about starting a new vaccine series if you have questions.



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