

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Information Sheet for Employers of Temporary Foreign Workers in the Agriculture Sector: Accessing Second Dose COVID-19 Vaccinations

In Ontario, COVID-19 vaccinations are voluntary, including for temporary foreign workers. Before administering a COVID-19 vaccine to an individual, a health practitioner must obtain consent from that individual to provide them the vaccine, or if the individual is incapable, from their substitute decision-maker. Consent may be given and can be withdrawn at any time.

Workers requiring a second dose can book through the Provincial Vaccine Booking line at 1-833-943-3900 or the [local public health unit](#) where they reside.

If authorized by a worker, an employer wishing to assist a worker in accessing their second vaccine dose is encouraged to contact their local public health unit for help with scheduling of the second dose. Employers are also encouraged to check the [provincial vaccine booking website](#) for further information, including information on second dose intervals. Workers are not required to share their personal health information (including vaccination status) with their employer.

Everyone who receives the vaccine will still need to follow public health guidance to stop the spread COVID-19.

Records of First and/or Second Doses

In Ontario, administered doses are tracked provincially through the COVaxON database using either a health card, passport number or other identification. These records are available to local public health units and other vaccine clinics when second dose vaccines are booked and administered.

Most workers who received their first dose at the airport vaccination clinic (operating between April 10 and September 30, 2021) will not have had a health card at the time of vaccination. In these cases, their vaccination record would be associated with their passport number or other identification. Contact the local public health unit for assistance

with determining appropriate next steps for second doses and how workers access their information.

Doses Received Outside of Canada

For workers who may have received their first or second dose outside of Ontario or Canada prior to arrival, separate processes may apply as not all COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in Canada (authorized vaccines include Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca-Oxford/COVISHIELD, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson, Moderna). Individuals who received the first dose of a two-dose Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine series outside of Ontario or Canada do not need to restart the vaccine series, but should receive the second dose as close to the interval recommended by Ontario as possible. For more information please review Ontario's [COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada](#) document.

Entering Canada

Please note that certain viral vector vaccines (Sputnik, CanSino) and inactivated virus vaccines (Covaxin, CoronaVac/Sinovac) are not authorized for use in Canada. As such, the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) may not recognize these workers as being fully vaccinated. For more information, please review the Government of Canada's [COVID-19 Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada](#) document.

Useful Links and Contact Information

- Public Health Unit locator: <https://www.phdapps.health.gov.on.ca/phulocator/>
- Provincial vaccine booking site: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support>
- Information on second dose intervals: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-getting-your-second-dose>
- COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_guidance_for_individuals_vaccinated_outside_of_ontario.pdf
- Government of Canada: COVID-19 Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada>
- Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (multiple languages available): 1-833-943-3900