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Alberta Health provided new information on <u>Phase 2</u> of the provincial vaccination roll out plan, which is estimated to take place from April to September 2021.

Alberta Health identified four groups that will be eligible for vaccination in Phase 2. Individuals from Groups B to D will qualify to receive the vaccine once the previous group has been completed. Details on who qualifies for each group can be found below: (Subject to vaccine availability)

Group A

- Albertans aged 65 to 74, no matter where they live
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis people aged 50 to 64, on and off reserve or Métis Settlements
- Staff and residents of licensed supportive living (seniors) not included in Phase 1

Group B

- Albertans aged 18 to 64 with high-risk underlying health conditions
- Specific conditions will be provided prior to Phase 2 roll-out

Group C

- Residents and staff of eligible congregate living settings: correctional facilities, homeless shelters, group homes including disability, mental health and other types of licensed supportive living
- Health-care workers providing direct and acute patient care who have a high potential for spread to high risk individuals
- Caregivers of Albertans who are most at risk of severe outcomes

Group D

- Albertans aged 50 to 64, no matter where they live
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis people aged 35 to 49 on and off reserve or Métis Settlements

Some of our employees will qualify for the vaccine within Groups A to D outlined above. Alberta Health recommends that if you are able to receive the vaccine, you do so. In the coming weeks, we will share information on how the City of Edmonton will support employees in attending their appointments and how to voluntarily report receiving each dose.

As we wait for broader vaccine availability this fall, all public health measures currently in effect will remain to help control the spread of COVID-19. The best way to slow the spread of the virus is to follow all public health orders, wash your hands frequently, maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres, and wear a mask. There are many reasons why someone may or may not take the vaccine and everyone is entitled to privacy and respect in this decision.

The City strives to give employees the most up to date information. However, as information about the vaccine roll out is rapidly evolving and changing, you are encouraged to visit <u>Alberta Health Services</u> for the most up to date information.