

Q: Can you comment on scheduling other vaccines, for example , people who are in the middle of their Shingles vaccine series, should they hold off on these for now since they should/can their covid vaccine soon?

- For Covid-19 vaccines, wait 28 days before administering another vaccine; for other vaccines, wait 14 days before administering a Covid-19 vaccine.
- See Recommendations on the use of Covid-19 Vaccines: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines.html#b4>

Q: Could you please comment on pts with hx of Guillain Barre whether to receive this vaccine?

- There is no evidence on this point.
- See the section of the Canadian Immunization Guide on Guillain Barre Syndrome in this section: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-2-vaccine-safety/page-3-contraindications-precautions-concerns.html>
- It is generally recommended to avoid Influenza vaccine if GB Syndrome occurred within six weeks of a previous dose.

Q: In Phase 2, for patients 16-59 who have severe underlying conditions - who is deciding which patients fit that criteria? Many patients are asking if they will be considered/if it relies on us to submit their name.

- The Regional and Provincial Task forces on Covid-19 vaccine are trying to figure out the best way to identify the vulnerable group identified in the Provincial Plan for Phase 2 of the roll-out without requiring specific medical information be revealed

Q: Any recommended resources to refer patients to for accessible information re covid vaccines to save us time as this comes up in almost every visit?

- I have no good answer for this. Covid-19 issues including vaccines are daily topics of most media

Q: Can we get copies of Dr. Allison's slides?

- I will not be able to share some of the slides (some are already out of date or are unpublished or sensitive information.) I will ensure the links to resources are as up to date as I can make them

Q: Will community family physicians be expected to administer vaccine and is there any idea of when this might occur?

- I don't have information about this

Q: When will locums be vaccinated and how as they are not connected to a single clinic

- No doubt will be included as part of the Phase 2 of the plan, but I don't know when or how the vaccine will get out.

Q: Has there been a general fact sheet, which would cover all issues in point form, that we can access and provide for our patient please?

- I made this point to the Department of Health recently

Q: What about the various different cancer patients undergoing treatments. Are there specific groups who absolutely should not? Which ones?

- Anaphylaxis to a previous dose of Covid-19 would be the only contraindication.
- If there is concern about a reaction to the vaccine being confused with that of a therapeutic agent, there may be a reason to defer one or the other.
- The main concern about immune suppressive therapies is that the individual may not respond well to the vaccine.

Q: interested to know what would constitute "vulnerable" patients. well controlled diabetes? copd? thanks so much

- Refer to the table in the NL Vaccine Plan Phase 2: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/files/NL-COVID19-Immunization-Plan-1.pdf>

Q: Will being vaccinated influence the results of future covid/serology tests??

- Serological indicators for Covid-19 have not been identified for broad use. Presumably humoral immunity will be demonstrable in sera.
- Immunization should not affect the detection of viral elements in a PCR test if an immunized person happens to become infected.

Q: When it comes to family physician and staff getting immunization, what is the timeline? Will this be similar Eastern and Western Health?

- I expect similar timelines across the province, but I don't have details