

# Provincial Partner Oversight Team News

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## Important Updates

- COVID-19 XBB.1.5 vaccine is now available. More information, including eligibility, is found on the [Alberta Health Services \(AHS\) website](#).
- Outreach immunization providers are to offer influenza and COVID-19 vaccines to residents and staff by **November 15, 2023**, as per the [Alberta Outreach Immunization Program](#) policy.
- If you need support in your immunization campaign, please contact the Provincial Partner Oversight (PPO) Team at [congregatelivingimmsupport@ahs.ca](mailto:congregatelivingimmsupport@ahs.ca)
- PPO's [website](#) includes [Tips for Planning an Immunization Campaign](#) and printable [posters](#).

## Did you know?

- AHS has a Provincial Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Team.
- Report an AEFI on the [AHS AEFI Reporting webpage](#).
- You play a crucial role in promoting vaccine safety by reporting AEFIs.
- Contact the Provincial AEFI Team by phone at 1-855-444-2324, by email at [aefi@ahs.ca](mailto:aefi@ahs.ca), or by fax (NEW) at 780-669-3008.

## Questions? Contact Us:

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## At a glance

### Who is the PPO Team?

The goal of the Provincial Partner Oversight (PPO) Team is to ensure seniors' congregate care facilities in Alberta have access to influenza, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 immunizations for residents. The team also facilitates access to influenza and COVID-19 immunizations for staff.

### Facts and Stats

Alberta Health has indicated the target immunization rates for influenza are:

- 80% of adults 65 years and older,
- 80% of health care workers,
- 95% of residents of long-term care facilities.

The PPO team supports 557 seniors' congregate care facilities.

Owners and operators of facilities are responsible for facilitating immunization services for residents.