

# Provincial Partner Oversight Team News

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## Important Updates

- Have all your residents and staff been offered influenza and COVID-19 immunizations? If they haven't received it already-there is still time.
- It's still respiratory infection season and all residents and staff should have the opportunity to receive both COVID-19 and influenza immunizations.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to the [PPO Team](#).
- The PPO [website](#) has links to Education and Training resources including Infection Prevention & Control, Influenza and Covid-19 information.

## Did you know?

- You can help prevent respiratory outbreaks at your facility by using the following [outbreak prevention checklist](#).
- The following is a link to the Notifiable Disease and Outbreak Management webpage [ahs.ca/outbreak](https://ahs.ca/outbreak).
- Facilities can report symptomatic residents to the Population Public Health Support Team line (PPHST) 1-844-343-0971.

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## At a glance

### Happy Holidays!

With the holiday season approaching, more visitors and resident outings can be expected. Now's the time to remind visitors, residents and staff about handwashing and immunization. Our [PPO webpage](#) has posters you can print and post in your facility as a reminder.

### Facts and Stats

The goals of the [Alberta Outreach Immunization Program](#) :

- Prevent severe outcomes caused by vaccine-preventable diseases in vulnerable individuals.
- Reduce outbreaks in senior congregate care settings.
- Achieve an 80% immunization rate for Influenza and Covid-19 vaccines for residents of senior congregate care settings.

Respiratory illnesses are increasing. [The Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#) has relevant data on illnesses and immunization in Alberta.