Stick with the facts. Stick together.

Leader Talking Points

Leaders can use these talking points to answer questions teams might have about COVID-19 immunization so that they can make an informed choice about getting vaccinated:

- AHS strongly encourages all healthcare workers (HCWs) to get the vaccine once they are eligible to receive it to help protect themselves, their families, patients, and communities against COVID-19.
- Getting immunized is crucial to making our workplaces safe and healthy for our patients and each other. Safety is one of our values and speaks to how we work together to continuously improve quality and patient care.
- Healthcare professionals have a unique responsibility to protect their own health as well as the well-being of those around them who may be at risk.
- As leaders, we have a responsibility to arm ourselves against COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.
- All approved vaccines are safe, effective and will help prevent serious illness. We know that we can protect more of our community if more of us are immunized.
- Vaccines are tested to make sure they're safe and effective before being authorized for use in Canada. Once a vaccine has been approved for use in Canada, it's monitored regularly for safety and effectiveness.
- We encourage HCWs to review current evidence from reputable sources to make informed decisions about getting immunized.
- All HCWs, including those who have been immunized, must still follow all current PPE requirements, as well as isolation and quarantine requirements.
- Anybody can be infected with COVID-19, and anyone can experience severe outcomes.
- Information about <u>COVID-19 immunization</u>, along with resources, including posters are available on <u>Insite</u> at insite.ahs.ca/sticktogether.

Reporting

- For staff and physicians who have received their COVID-19 immunization, please fill out the "Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form" after your second or final dose on <u>Insite</u>.
- It's important that employees report their immunization status after receiving their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- This information will be used by AHS to appropriately plan, manage and allocate resources in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak to protect our patients, families and healthcare workers.



