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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

On March 16th, we joined together to honour the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to thank all those who continue to make incredible sacrifices in the fight against this virus. The past year has not been easy on Canadians, but we now finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Canada now has four approved vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson. On the domestic front, we made a strategic investment of \$600 million into three Canadian vaccine companies (Medicago, Variation Biotechnologies and Precision Nanosystems) and three Canadian therapeutics firms (AbCellera, Arch Biopartners, Edesa Biotech Research).

From March 22nd to May 10th, Canada will receive **at least 1 million doses a week from Pfizer** alone, and before the end of this month, we will have received a **total of 8 million doses** of COVID-19 vaccines. By the end of September, we will have more than enough vaccines for every Canadian who wants one. By the end of September, we will have more than enough vaccines for every Canadian who wants one.

Rest assured that all vaccines approved in Canada are safe and effective, and Canadians should get vaccinated when they are able to. I encourage you, as well as all Canadians, to get vaccinated when the time comes, and I ask that you be patient as provinces and territories first vaccinate those who are most vulnerable to the virus.

Although better days are ahead, we must continue doing everything we can to stop new COVID-19 outbreaks. We will get there together.

Sincerely,

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## RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY COUNCILS



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Please email:  
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if you would like to join!



Inaugural Affordability Community  
Council Meeting!

## ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS

As a Member of Parliament, I want to reach out to our young voters to hear about issues they find important and have them learn about a MP's role! If you are a teacher in Richmond Hill reach out to my office for a class visit, or to have a Canadian flag and pins sent to you for class distribution.

Email my office at:

**majid.jowhari@parl.gc.ca**



## HAPPY EARTH DAY!

On April 22nd we celebrate Earth Day!

Our government is committed to protecting the environment by:

- Budgeting roughly **\$60 billion** since 2015 to reduce pollution
- \$2.75 billion** in funding to support the purchase of zero-emission public transit starting in 2021
- Banning single use plastics by 2022
- Planting **2 billion trees** by 2030
- Achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions by 2050



## MYTH BUSTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE



**MYTH:**   
"THE VACCINE WAS DEVELOPED TOO FAST"



**FACT:** 

The COVID-19 vaccine has been developed using well-run trials in a short timeframe thanks to the unprecedented global scale collaboration and investment.



**MYTH:**   
"mRNA VACCINES CHANGE YOUR DNA"



**FACT:** 

mRNA does not change your DNA or your genes. Instead, it teaches your immune system how to recognize the virus. The mRNA is temporary and once it has protected you it is cleared from your body.



**MYTH:**   
"IT'S NOT SAFE UNTIL WE GET MORE LONG-TERM DATA"











**FACT:** 

The clinical trials have shown us that the vaccine is safe. Vaccines usually show side effects within the first few days, rare side effects usually taking up to 6 weeks. When the vaccines were approved, they had at least 6 weeks of data in most participants. With millions already vaccinated, officials will continue tracking data.

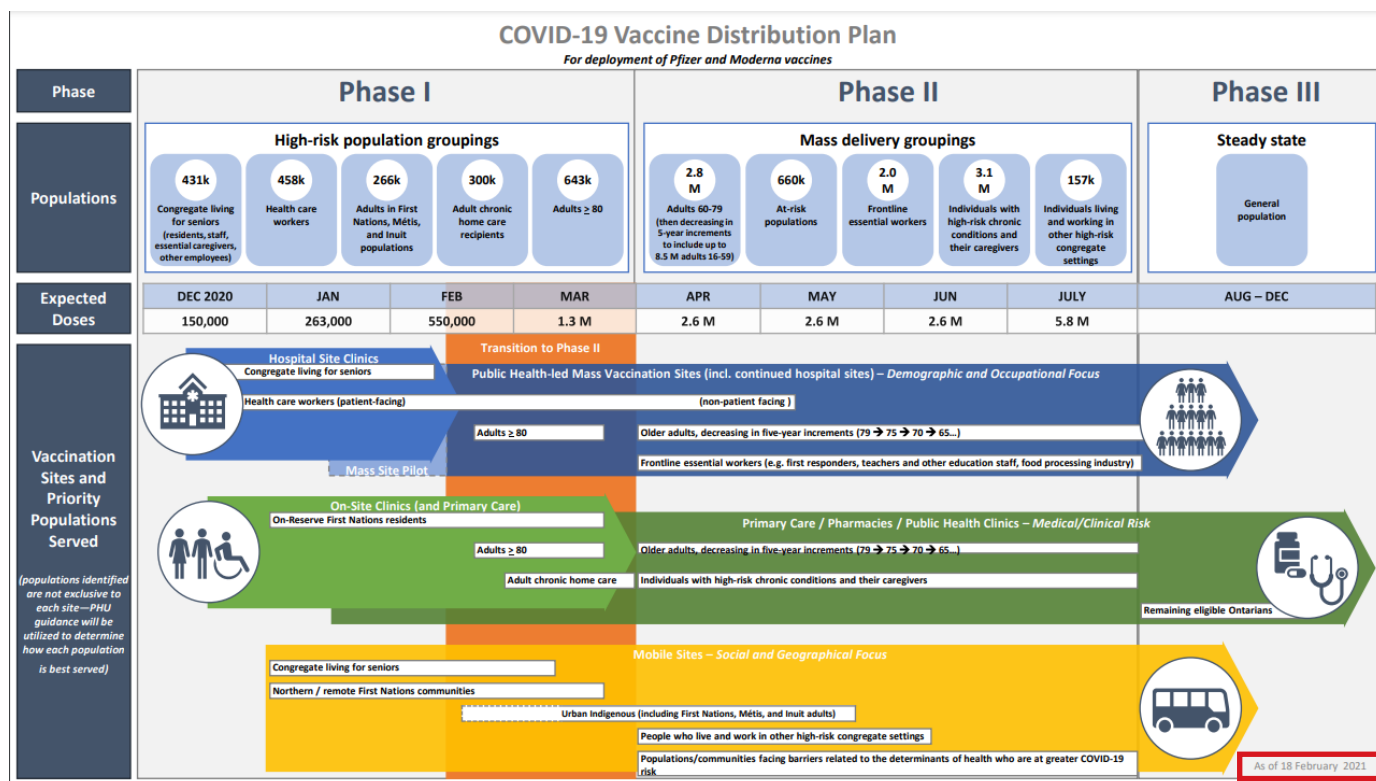
\*Source: Kelly Grindrod, PharmD; Noah Ivers, MD. University of Waterloo, 2021.

## HOW THE VACCINES COMPARE

Company	Canada Approved	Type	Doses	Number of Doses Secured	Storage	Age	Effectiveness Rate
AstraZeneca		Viral vector-based	 x2	20 million doses	2°C to 8°C	18+	62%
Pfizer-BioNTech		mRNA	 x2	40 million doses	-70°C	16+	95%
Moderna		mRNA	 x2	40 million doses	-25°C to -15°C	18+	94.1%
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)		Viral vector-based	 x1	38 million doses	2°C to 8°C	18+	66%

\*Sources: Canada.ca, 2021; Global News, 2021.

# ENSURING EVERYONE IS VACCINATED BY SEPTEMBER 2021



[york.ca/covid19vaccine](https://york.ca/covid19vaccine) provides updated content on the Provincial Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan and York Region's COVID-19 Mass Immunization Plan

## VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

Continue following the York Region Vaccine Distribution website to see if you are eligible to book a vaccination appointment: [york.ca/covid19vaccine](https://york.ca/covid19vaccine).

- Clinics appointments are not available for any other age or priority group at this time. **Do not try to book an appointment if you do not meet the eligibility.**
- Residents will be notified when they are eligible to receive the vaccine based on supply
- Select pharmacies in Kingston, Toronto and Windsor are now distributing the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to residents between the age of 60 to 64 years of age (born in 1961). Pharmacies have been identified as part of York Region's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan; as supply increases. To find a pharmacy near you, visit [Ontario.ca/pharmacycovidvaccine](https://Ontario.ca/pharmacycovidvaccine).



## BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

- Only book **ONE** appointment; do not book appointments at multiple clinics.
- Family members or caretakers may accompany eligible residents to their appointments.
- A health card is not required to book an appointment, except for the Cornell Community Centre clinic.
- Proof of age and residence will be required on the day you receive your vaccine; Health care workers are asked to bring proof of employment (i.e. photo ID or letter from employer).

## RICHMOND HILL VACCINE SITE CONTACT INFORMATION

### Richmond Green Sports Centre

1300 Elgin Mills Road East  
Richmond Hill ON, L4S 1M5

If you need assistance booking, call:  
1-877-464-9675



# ECONOMIC RECOVERY

## EXTENDING LOCKDOWN SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

Crucial programs like the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support have helped protect millions of Canadian jobs and supported businesses of every size.

As we move closer to the other side of this crisis, the government intends to **extend the current rate structures for these subsidies from March 14 to June 5, 2021.**

As part of this extension:

- The maximum wage subsidy rate for active employees would remain at 75 percent.
- The maximum rent subsidy rate would remain at 65%.

Lockdown Support would remain at 25 per cent and continue to be provided in addition to the rent subsidy providing eligible hard-hit businesses with rent support of up to 90%.

We also intend to make changes to the CEWS program to better support furloughed workers and amend requirements so that applicants would be able to use a pre-pandemic 2019 reference month to qualify.



## LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Bill C-14 includes measures that would:

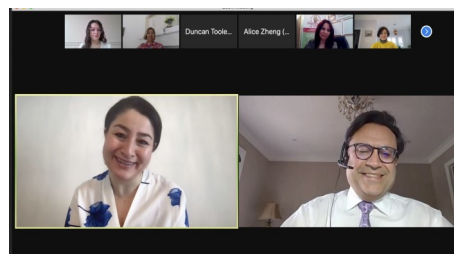
- Introduce a temporary and immediate support for low- and middle-income families who are entitled to the Canada Child Benefit, **totaling up to \$1,200 in 2021** for each child under the age of six.
- Eliminate the interest on repayment of the federal portion of the Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans for one year (2021-22).
- Provide funding of up to **\$505.7 million as part of the new Safe Long-term Care Fund** to support long-term care facilities.
- Provide additional funding of:
  - **\$133 million** to support access to virtual care, mental health tools, and substance use programming
  - **\$262.6 million** for a suite of COVID-19 initiatives, including testing, medical research, countermeasures, vaccine funding and developments, border and travel measures and isolation sites.
- Formally provide that an expense, such as rent, can qualify as an eligible expense under the new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy when it becomes due so businesses can access the subsidy before the expense is actually paid.

## \$100 MILLION INVESTED TO SUPPORT WOMEN

Recognizing the need for a feminist, intersectional response to COVID-19, Women and Gender Equality Canada will provide **\$100 million** to support women who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The women's program provides funding to eligible organizations in three priority areas:

- Ending violence against women and girls.
- Improving women's and girls' economic security and prosperity.
- Encouraging women and girls in leadership and decision-making roles.



On March 6th, I held a virtual #FeministRecovery Women's Networking Event. It was an honour to hear from female leaders in the Richmond Hill Community and have a visit from Minister Maryam Monsef!