

Indigenous Services Canada: Information Sheet

Fraudulent offers of vaccines for sale outside Government process

As of March 2021, there are four COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in Canada. The vaccines by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (including the version of the AstraZeneca vaccine made by Verity Pharmaceuticals/ Serum Institute of India) and Janssen will be free and made available to everyone in Canada who is recommended to receive them by the end of September.

Acquiring and distributing vaccines

The Government of Canada, with advice from the Vaccine Task Force, leads negotiations and finalizes agreements with vaccine manufacturers. This procurement approach ensures the legitimacy of all vaccine products coming into Canada, and further ensures that everyone in Canada including First Nations, Inuit and Métis, can have confidence in the safety, effectiveness and high quality of the vaccines being provided to them.

Vaccine shipments into and within Canada to provinces and territories are coordinated through the Public Health Agency National Operations Centre (NOC). Shipments of doses from manufacturers to Canada and to select destinations across all provinces and territories are then coordinated and monitored through NOC to ensure the safety and security of all deliveries.

The Government of Canada is working with provincial and territorial governments—who lead the planning and implementation of COVID-19 vaccination programs in their jurisdictions—to allocate, distribute and administer vaccines as efficiently, equitably and effectively as possible. Provinces/territories are working with First Nations, Inuit and Métis leadership and communities to identify how vaccines will be administered as supply increases (for e.g. in nursing stations/health centres, mass immunization clinics in community settings, urban locations).

Offers of fraudulent/unsolicited vaccines to communities

ISC is working with Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada and Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to identify and address any unsolicited offers of COVID-19 vaccines for sale that are deemed suspicious. We are aware of unsolicited sales offers of approximately 300 million doses of AstraZeneca and other COVID-19 vaccines by sources, outside the Government of Canada's existing agreements, to First Nations and Métis, municipal and provincial governments, and various federal departments.

While some offers may appear to be legitimate, PSPC has followed up with the vaccine manufacturers, who have confirmed that these offers are not legitimate. Health Canada will report any unsolicited offers to the RCMP and other security partners if they are deemed fraudulent. You can also report health product complaints, including suspected fraudulent activities or counterfeit products, to [Health Canada](#). Health Canada will examine the matter and take compliance and enforcement action, as necessary.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, please contact your local police. If you want to report an instance of a scam, fraud or cybercrime, including unsolicited vaccine sales offers, whether you are a victim or not, please report it to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) (CAFC).

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