

Cystic Fibrosis Canada: response on the vaccine prioritization in Ontario

Cystic Fibrosis Canada has sought and received confirmation from the Ontario Government that Ontarians living with cystic fibrosis will be prioritized for Phase Two roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, starting in April 2021. Caregivers for high-risk individuals and organ transplant recipients are also part of Phase Two in the [vaccination roll-out plan](#). Appointments may be scheduled through an online booking system or a provincial help desk starting March 15th. You can learn more [here](#).

Please note that on April 23, 2021 we have written a letter to the Ontario Premier and the Ontario Minister of Health requesting that Ontarians with cystic fibrosis and their caregivers receive the vaccination now. We also requested confirmation on when this will happen.

We are frustrated to hear that there have been discrepancies in vaccine prioritization for some people who live with cystic fibrosis in Ontario. The vaccine roll-out has been confusing, and we wish it were different. With a lack of clarity and details changing rapidly, vaccination plans can differ at a local level. These continue to be stressful times for people living with CF, a community that already has an immense health burden to shoulder. We stand with our community in Ontario and have made key decision makers aware of our disappointment and we have asked for better clarity on next steps.

While we continue to seek clarity on the current vaccination plans in place across the country and share our concerns with health authorities about people living with CF and their caregivers being prioritized for vaccination, know that we are also in regular communication with the clinics.