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Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP) update—March 22, 2021

CANVAS—national study on COVID-19 vaccine safety

A patient-based national study has been developed to monitor the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines. Alberta COVID-19 vaccine program vaccinators are encouraged to offer study enrolment to patients who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. The study has received ethics and privacy approvals from all the appropriate groups.

Enrolment in the study involves the patient receiving three surveys by email as noted below.

- Survey one—on day eight after dose one.
- Survey two—on day eight after dose two.
- Survey three—six months after dose two, to help gather more information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

At the time of vaccine administration, please inform your patients of this survey. Enrolment should occur at the time of immunization. Consider printing and displaying the poster, found on the Alberta Blue Cross website at **https://ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/COVID-Vaccine-QR-Handout.pdf**, in your vaccination room so patients can scan the QR code or direct patients to access the study by using the link at **https://canvas-covid.ca**/.

Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) system

If your pharmacy has not yet been selected to participate in Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP), please ensure you complete the enrolment for access to the AVI system as soon as possible by completing the form found at <u>https://forms.gle/F6rKtRgNT7Lkq5Dq8</u>. This is an integral criterion for additional pharmacies to be added to the expansion of the ACPIP. You can enrol up to four on-site users per pharmacy site who will be responsible for submitting daily records. Please complete all fields on all pages and submit the information to be uploaded to AVI.

Reminder: Participating pharmacies are required to access the AVI portal on a daily basis to complete required reporting under the ACPIP. The on-hand quantities reported in AVI are used to manage inventory in the province and accuracy is essential to managing the COVID-19 vaccine program.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

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