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## COVID-19 vaccine timing Information for chronic kidney disease and dialysis patients

### When will I be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

The BC government has developed a phased COVID-19 immunization plan. Below are key dates that will apply to patients with advanced kidney disease and those on dialysis.

<b>Phase and Timeline</b>	<b>Who is eligible</b>
Phase 2: February – April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>All</u> seniors born in 1941 or earlier</li> <li>• Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) peoples born in 1956 or earlier</li> </ul>
Phase 3: April – June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All people aged 79 to 60 in 5 year increments</li> <li>• People aged 69 to 16 who:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are on dialysis – hemodialysis, home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis</li> <li>○ Have advanced kidney disease (CKD stage 5, eGFR &lt;15)</li> <li>○ Are on immunosuppressive medications for kidney disease (regardless of eGFR)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Phase 4: July – September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People aged 59 to 18 in 5-year increments (if not included in Phase 3)</li> </ul>

For more details, see the BC government website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/vaccines>

### Do I need to do anything?

When you are eligible for the vaccine (as per the phases and timelines above), you will need to book an appointment through a vaccination call centre. **You will not be contacted directly.**

This website provides all the details, including call centres by health authority:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/seniors>

In general, we recommend that everyone get the vaccine when available to them. Since we do not know all of your medical history, it's always good to check with your health care team.

### Does this information apply to transplant patients?

We recommend that people with a transplant refer to the [BC Transplant website](#) for more information. Go to [www.transplant.bc.ca](http://www.transplant.bc.ca), click on 'Health Info', and then 'Covid-19 Information For Patients'.

### Where can I get additional information about COVID-19 for kidney patients?

The BC Renal website has a [COVID-19 Health Info page for patients](#).