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Good morning, Vanessa and Jen,  
Do you have any comments/suggestions for the attached, for ACHS>  
Thank you,

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Hi Jenn,

I am sending this to you in case you only have specific people working on this. We also have notes to staff and nurses drafted. We will amend those as needed once we get your comments on this.

If you can return it to us tomorrow, that would be great.

Thanks,

Kirstan

## News Release

For Immediate Release

### Correctional Service Canada COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out – Phase Two

March XX, 2021 – Ottawa, Ontario – Correctional Service Canada

Today, the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) announced its COVID-19 vaccination plans for federal corrections during the second phase of the vaccine rollout, in accordance with National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidelines.

Under the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*, CSC has an obligation to provide essential health care to federally incarcerated inmates, including administering vaccines. Under the NACI guidelines, residents and staff of congregate living settings, such as correctional institutions, are listed as priorities in phase two as they are higher-risk environments.

Beginning in mid-April, CSC plans to offer the Moderna vaccine to all inmates in its 43 institutions and 13 Community Correctional Centres (CCCs), beginning with those who are older and have a chronic medical condition. In January, during phase one, CSC vaccinated 600 of the oldest and most medically vulnerable inmates.

At the same time, CSC plans to offer the vaccine to all employees who work in these institutions and CCCs. This provides employees with the opportunity to be vaccinated in their workplace at the same time as offenders. Vaccines will be administered by CSC nurses and nursing technicians. While some employees may have already been vaccinated through their respective provincial health authorities, this allows CSC to assist with overall vaccination efforts to ensure effective protection of those living and working in environments where it can be more challenging to mitigate transmission of the virus. Our employees are essential to keeping our institutions safe and secure, and work closely with inmates to provide supports, health care and programs. This added immunity will help further protect our surrounding communities.

CSC expects to offer approximately 26,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine. This number will provide a first dose of the vaccine to all offenders and employees who wish to receive it and live or work in an institution or CCC.

Employees and offenders must consent to receiving the vaccine. CSC continues to raise awareness about vaccine safety and the importance of being vaccinated. To ensure that layers of protection continue to be in place once vaccinations are administered, our health and safety measures such as masks, physical distancing, active screening, and other PPE, will continue to apply.

The health and safety of our employees, inmates and the public have been our top priority during this pandemic. The vaccine is the best defence to protect both offenders and staff against COVID-19 and when paired with our existing measures, will help bolster our overall public health and safety. CSC has been working with the Public Health Agency of Canada and the provinces on its vaccinations plans and rollout. Our COVID-19 approach continues to benefit from the expertise and advice of our public health partners and is based on science and evidence.

#### Quote

“Our team at CSC has been working diligently to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in all of our operations across Canada. Making the COVID-19 vaccine available to those living and working in congregate living settings, such as our federal institutions and Community Correctional Centres, will provide an additional layer of protection for our employees, inmates and those in our surrounding communities. Nobody is safe until everyone is safe.”

*Anne Kelly, CSC Commissioner*

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#### Quick Facts

- List 13 CCCs by name:
- CSC has an inmate population of 12,500 and there are XXX offenders who reside in a Community Correctional Centres (CCC). In addition, CSC has XXX employees working in these facilities.
- The Moderna vaccine requires two doses. The second doses will be offered four months following the first dose.
- CSC has a vaccination strategy that is aligned with the Government of Canada approach, following the recommendations and guidance of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. CSC's approach is consistent with past public health situations, such as H1N1, during which a similar process was followed.
- CSC provides its own health care to inmates and has dedicated health care professionals in its institutions, including nurses and physicians, who closely monitor the health of inmates.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, CSC has implemented rigorous infection prevention and control measures at its sites, such as increasing sanitation and enforcing wearing masks, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, active screening, and physical distancing.



- CSC established an integrated risk management process where, on an ongoing basis, decisions about its operations are made in close collaboration with public health authorities, unions, Elders, and stakeholders to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

### Associated Links

- [CSC news release on the phase one vaccine rollout](#)
- [CSC COVID-19 Preparations](#)
- [Inmate COVID-19 testing in CSC institutions](#)

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