

Yukon's COVID-19 vaccine rollout schedule

As outlined in [Yukon's COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy](#), the safe and effective delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine is the key priority of this public health initiative. The Government of Yukon, and partners across the health care system, are working together to ensure that immunizers and health care facilities are prepared to safely deliver the vaccine and manage any possible clinical outcomes.

COVID-19 vaccine delivery began on January 4, 2021, with the immunization of long-term care residents and staff in Whitehorse. We will continue to roll out the vaccine to all eligible residents of Yukon safely and efficiently over the next three months. A schedule attached outlines the delivery dates. Please check Yukon.ca for detailed schedules and community locations. Plans will be updated weekly. All plans are subject to vaccine availability from the federal government.

The first several shipments of vaccine have been designated for use in high risk, priority populations.

Priority populations

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) published guiding principles to support provinces and territories in determining population prioritization for the COVID-19 vaccine roll out.

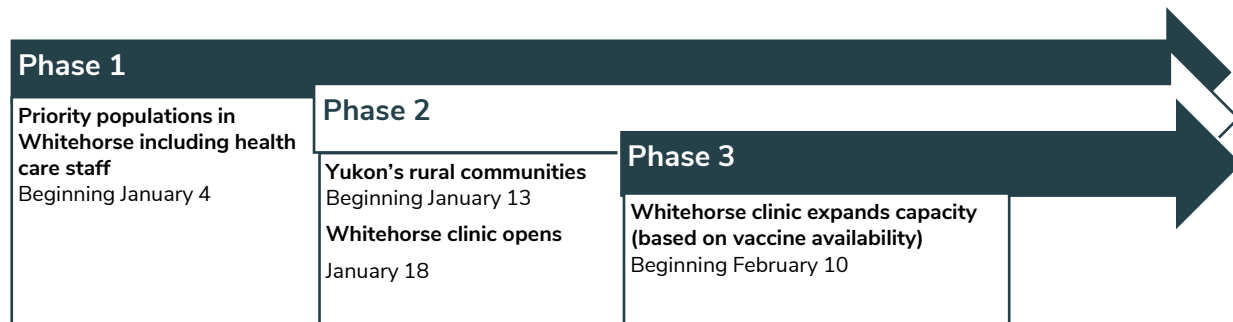
Guiding principles			
Protect most vulnerable Long-term care residents; rural and remote communities; indigenous populations; people with pre-existing medical conditions; low socioeconomic status; older adults	Protect Healthcare Capacity Frontline health care workers at risk of exposure	Minimize Spread Communities along a border and along the Alaska highway exposed to increased risk from travellers, congregate living conditions and overcrowding in housing	Protect Critical Infrastructure Staff involved in the COVID-19 response and other key health and social staff including long-term care; acute care; home care; correctional centres; and Mental Wellness & Substance Use Services

These four principles were applied to Yukon's local context as endorsed by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH). Sequencing for Yukon has been determined in consultation with the CMOH based on a variety of risk, logistical and epidemiological considerations.



Vaccine rollout

- The vaccines will roll out in phases, and people will receive their second dose in the same order that the first dose was administered.
- Vaccines will primarily be done through scheduled appointments. There will be options to book online or by phone. These details will be available on Yukon.ca.



Rural communities outside of Whitehorse

- Each mobile team will travel with multiple immunizers so teams can immunize as many people as possible while they are in each community.
- Given the timeframe in which the initial immunization campaign will roll out, mobile teams may have to return to communities to obtain the desired uptake for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Whitehorse and surrounding communities

- Vaccines in Whitehorse will be provided at the Yukon Convention Centre, and mobile vaccine teams will also travel to a few targeted locations to ensure that Yukon's most vulnerable populations can access the vaccine.
- Minimizing the number of different vaccine delivery sites ensures we are using human resources efficiently, respects the current limitations on the stability and mobility of the new vaccine product, and supports COVID-19 safety guidelines and infection control precautions.



Timeline of population groups

Week	Population categories for dose 1
January 4 - 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term care residents and staff at Whistle Bend Place, Thomson Centre and other Continuing Care staff
January 11 - 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term care residents and staff at Copper Ridge, and Birch Lodge • Homebound home care clients, and other Continuing Care staff • Long-term care residents and staff at McDonald Lodge and high-risk health care staff in Dawson City • High-risk health care staff from Whitehorse General Hospital
January 18 - 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-risk health care staff in Whitehorse, including Whitehorse General Hospital staff • Whitehorse clinic opens with priority given to high-risk and vulnerable populations • People living in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Watson Lake (including Upper Liard and Lower Post residents) ○ Beaver Creek ○ Old Crow
January 25 - 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of high-risk and vulnerable populations included the previous week in Whitehorse • People living in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dawson City ○ Carcross and Tagish ○ Teslin ○ Pelly Crossing
February 1 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of Whitehorse clinic with priority given to high-risk and vulnerable populations • People living in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burwash Landing and Destruction Bay ○ Haines Junction ○ Carmacks ○ Faro ○ Mayo ○ Ross River
February 10 – March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone eligible, age 18 and older in Whitehorse. Capacity will be based on vaccine availability

Note: times and locations yet to be finalized; dates to be confirmed for weeks of January 25 through February 7. Please check Yukon.ca for updated information.

