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**To:** Joni Treen <Joni.Treen@sd76.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** COVID-19 vaccines

Dear Joni Treen:

Thank you for your email to Premier Kenney regarding the Medicine Hat Public School Board. As Minister of Health, I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As COVID-19 vaccines were in very limited supply in early 2021, the Government of Alberta implemented a sequenced approach for Phases 1 and 2 of the immunization program. Decisions for the initial phases of immunization focused on protecting individuals at high risk, not just by providing them with vaccine but also immunizing those around them to enhance the prevention of severe outcomes. However, teachers, support staff and child care workers have been eligible for the vaccine since May 4<sup>th</sup>, as part of stage 2C of our vaccine rollout.

Since May 10, 2021, all Albertans 12 years of age and older have been eligible to be immunized against COVID-19. Additionally, Albertans are also now able to schedule their [second dose](#) appointments. Albertans who received an mRNA vaccine for their first dose can book their second dose four weeks after they received their first dose and Albertans who received AstraZeneca as their first dose can book their second dose appointment eight weeks after they received their first dose.

As Alberta moves into the later stages of our pandemic response, we encourage every Albertan who is eligible to [book their vaccine appointment](#). This is the most important thing you can do to protect yourselves, your loved ones, and your communities. Please continue to visit <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx> for information on Alberta's current situation.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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Minister of Health

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