



SAFETY TALK

National Immunization Awareness Week



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April 26 - May 2, 2026

#TheTimeIsNow #GetImmunized

Health PEI is committed to maintaining a safe work environment and to protect all Health Care Workers (HCW) from infection from, and complications associated with communicable diseases. Immunization is an important part of a HCW defense against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Immunization for HCWs

As guided by the Public Health Agency of Canada:

- Dtap vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis/whooping cough)
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Varicella vaccine (Chicken pox)
- MenACWY vaccine (Meningococcal) for lab workers who handle *N. meningitidis* specimens
- COVID-19 vaccine
- Influenza vaccine

Did you know?

HCWs have an increased risk of being exposed to communicable diseases. All HCW are expected to participate in the Health PEI HCW Immunization and TB Screening Program.

Why does Employee Health need to know if I'm vaccinated?

To help manage infections. Knowing if you are vaccinated helps us quickly find and help people who may have been exposed to an illness. It also helps our team give the right care faster if someone is exposed.

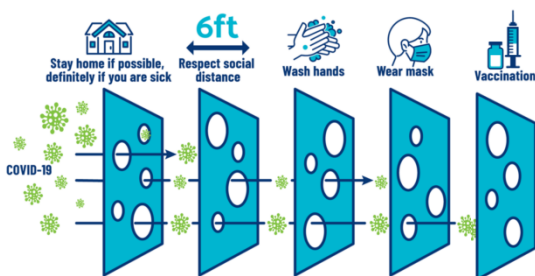
Where can I receive these vaccines?

From your Employee Health Nurse, at no cost. Employee Health Nurses are listed on the [Staff Resource Centre](#).

Sources:

Centre for Disease Control (CDC.gov)
Communicable Disease Immunization and Tuberculosis Testing Policy (Health PEI)
Immunize Canada (Immunize.ca).
KCcare.org
Recommended Immunization, Healthcare workers (Public Health Agency of Canada)

Layers of Protection



Safety is everyone's responsibility!

DATE: _____
FACILITY: _____

SAFETY TALK LEAD BY: _____
DEPARTMENT: _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

NAME 3 VACCINES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS.

WHERE CAN I GET MY IMMUNIZATIONS UPDATED?

VACCINES PROTECT US AND THE PEOPLE AROUND US.
REFLECTION QUESTION, WHO DO I GET VACCINES TO PROTECT?



EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

If you have any feedback on the Safety Talks program or a suggestion for a Safety Talk, please contact a member of the Wellness & Safety Team or email healthpeihr@ihis.org.

Safety Talks can be found on the Staff Resource Centre at: <https://src.healthpei.ca/safety-talks>