



Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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For:

Tyler Shandro
Government of Alberta, Health Minister

Alberta Health Services Office

As you continue to manage the unprecedented task of rolling out COVID-19 vaccines within the province, members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers wanted to share our thoughts in support of your efforts.

Firstly, we applaud the efforts taken to vaccinate the immediate priority groups like front line health care workers, support workers and those most vulnerable to the virus.

As most of these groups have received at least their first shot, you have the difficult task of determining the other important groups to prioritize in this next phase of vaccination. We would like you to consider the essential role Canada Post employees play in serving the rural, urban and remote areas of the province. We serve every address, and in turn, every community across the country. We've delivered in record numbers throughout the pandemic to keep people connected and able to access essential goods. At the same time, we've been proud to support thousands of small businesses as they transition to online sales and serve their customers while following important restrictions.

While we have worked together and introduced measures to reduce the risks, COVID-19 has found its way into our workplaces and has even claimed the lives of our colleagues. We believe that the nature of our work warrants special attention in the prioritization of the distribution of vaccines.

We'd also like you to consider bringing the vaccines to the workers by setting up mobile vaccine clinics at Canada Post warehouses and plants.

As you work to determine the best rollout plan for the communities you represent, we would be happy to provide any information you may require regarding our people, our operations and the role we play.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible and tireless efforts of the public health officials tasked with the difficult job of keeping our communities safe.

Thank you for your consideration and the important job you are doing.

Sincerely,

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