

Urban-specific Considerations for Indigenous Vaccine Roll Out

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Challenge/Issue/Barrier	Description	Example Strategies to Address
Homeless/Unsheltered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are people who are unsheltered and/or experiencing homeless being included in plans for the vaccine rollout? • How do we make sure this population is not being forgotten? • What kind of access to the vaccine will they have? • How are people reminded to get their 2nd dose? 	Working with urban Indigenous organizations, including shelters
Children and young people in CFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Local public health units reaching out to
Elders/Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to transportation • Provided with information about the vaccine 	Identify organizations that
People with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to transportation 	
People with Special Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to transportation 	
Transportation to vaccine sites in cities, towns, rural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close and easy access to vaccine clinics are not available for all • How do we get people to vaccine clinics in areas lacking in public transit? 	Identifying community organizations that have transportation vehicles/already offering similar services, accessible transportation
Other accessibility concerns		
Urban-specific communications strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for community specific information for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis 	Resource urban organizations to develop targeted messaging about COVID-19 response, vaccine information, and vaccine roll out. Identify key media platforms for sharing messages.
Access to vaccine in space that are safe for Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all public health service providers are a welcoming or safe space for Indigenous peoples 	
Specific outreach strategies for urban Inuit, Métis, First Nations, 2SLGBTQQIA, people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Inuit, Metis, and First Nations • 2SLGBTQ+ 	Identifying community organizations that work with Métis
Tracking vaccine uptake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to track vaccine uptake for people who travel between urban and their respective communities? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to make sure people are getting the appropriate 2nd dose if they are not going to the same centre they received their 1st dose. 	
Identification challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do they hold a proper identification (health card, status card, license, passport, age of majority card, etc.) Will they need to be current (expired cards are being extended during the pandemic) 	
Provinces not working with Indigenous organizations, not using mobile clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do urban Indigenous organizations get support from provinces/territories to get access to vaccines and mobile clinics if they have the capacity and space to run a vaccine clinic? 	
Red Cross has offered mobile clinics		
Provinces making the decisions despite plans or support from urban Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we make sure the urban Indigenous communities are being included in the planning by Provinces? 	First Nations and Métis in SK put together recommendations in every meeting. Presenting to the decision making tables directly.
Inuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making sure Inuit outside of traditional territories have access to vaccine (Pushing to national Inuit organizations to push at the national level to push with decision makers
Vaccinations for community service workers, staff of Indigenous organizations, FCs, shelters, etc. people who are providing, traditional helpers, cultural support workers		FC vaccination clinics
Challenge with racism outside of health care and in community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous peoples facing racism and repercussions from outbreaks in nearby Indigenous communities Facing abuse from non-Indigenous Canadians 	
Lack of information of vaccine rollout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People getting information Dispelling myths Lack of transparency 	Access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information that is reliable and accurate about the vaccine Information that dispels myths about COVID-19 and the vaccines Transparency in the roll-out of the vaccine (who will have access and when) 	Supporting Indigenous governments and organizations to be able to develop their own communications strategies. Sharing links to what other organizations have developed.