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# **A MESSAGE** FROM YOUR MP

As we come to the end of the year, it is a time to reflect on all that has happened in 2020.

This has been an unprecedented year in so many ways and we have come a long way since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we must all continue to pull together and keep up our efforts for this final stretch.

The federal government's vaccine task force has been working hard over the past few months to secure numerous vaccine candidates for Canadians. We have also introduced a number of new support measures for Canadians and businesses to continue to help you get through this challenging time. Visit canada.ca/coronavirus for information about eligibility and how to apply for the benefits for individuals and businesses.

Please celebrate safely this holiday season and be sure to follow all local public health guidelines.

From my family to yours, wishing you very happy holidays and all the best in the new year!

Sincerely,

Randeep S. Sarai Surrey Centre

## CANADA'S COVID 19 VACCINE PROCUREMENT

#### **Support for Provinces**

Whether it is PPE, rapid tests and now vaccines, we are continuing to provide Provinces and Territories with what is needed to protect the health and safety of Canadians.

#### Vaccine Distribution

This is an unparalleled undertaking. And, our government is treating it as such.

For the past many months, we have been wholeheartedly focused not only on securing the most diverse vaccine portfolio in the world for Canadians, but also on putting the pieces in place so 2021, in line with many of our allies. that if and when they are authorized, vaccines are rolled out as early and efficiently as possible. This remains our primary focus – when a Vaccine is ready, Canada will be ready.

### Vaccine Timeline

From the outset, Canada's vaccine procurement strategy has been to secure access to a diverse portfolio of vaccines.

That is why, as we continue to see promising data released on the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine candidates, we are confident in Canada's position with access to these vaccines and 4 more. The distribution hurdles ahead of us must not be underestimated, but Canada is well positioned. We are on track to receive first doses of COVID-19 vaccines in late 2020 and into the first quarter of

"Just because we're getting closer to vaccines doesn't mean we can afford to become complacent. On the other hand, just because the numbers are spiking, doesn't mean we should give up and despair. Let's keep working together, and let's remember that together we will get through this."

# **COVID-19 VACCINES**

Every Canadian will have access to an effective and free vaccine once it's ready.

As of the beginning of December, Canada has secured up to 429 million doses of seven COVID-19 vaccine candidates, the most extensive and diverse vaccine portfolio of any country. And when a safe and effective vaccine is available, we will ensure every Canadian has access to it, for free.

Until that time, testing and contact tracing continue to be critical in our defence against the virus. That is why we have procured more than 38 million rapid tests – three times the total number of tests performed across Canada since the pandemic began.

# DOWNLOAD THE COVID ALERT APP TODAY!

Join the more than 5.4 million Canadians who have already downloaded the COVID Alert App!

The COVID Alert App is available for both Apple and Android devices.

#### How it works:

- •Uses Bluetooth to exchange random codes with other phones nearby each day.
- You will be notified if you have been near an app user who tested positive within the last 14 days.

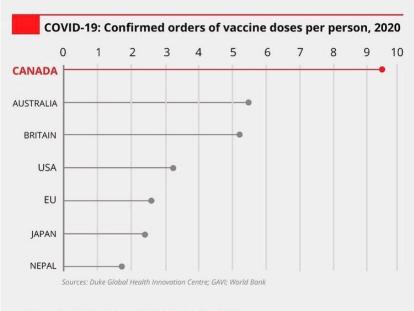
Because the App uses Bluetooth it will **NOT** know:

- x your location
- x your name or address
- **x** your phone contacts
- **x** the health information of anyone you're near





# **COVID-19 UPDATE: VACCINE SUPPLY**



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#### SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Taking care of our mental health is extremely important during times like this. To help support Canadians, we have launched the **Wellness Together** Canada portal: https://ca.portal.gs/

Important resources if you need help:

**Kids Help Phone** 1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868

Hope for Wellness Help Line 1-855-242-3310 Crisis Services Canada 1-833-456-4566

Hope for Wellness Helpline (for Indigenous peoples) 1-855-242-3310