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To: All CASLPO Registrants (*Please share with CASLPO Colleagues*)

The Ontario Government announced its plans today for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination: ['Ontario to Vaccinate up to 8.5 Million People in Phase Two'](#).

The government confirmed that **Phase One** of the vaccination program involving residents, staff, and essential care givers in long-term-care homes will continue through to February 15, 2021. Vaccinations for this sector in the four 'hot' zones of Toronto, Peel, York, and Windsor Essex should be completed by January 21, 2021.

The government also announced that **Phase Two** of the vaccination program will include: older adults (beginning with those 80 years of age and older); individuals living and working in high risk congregate settings; frontline essential workers (first responders, teachers, food processing workers); and individuals with high risk chronic conditions and their caregivers. Phase Two will run from February 15th, through to July 31, 2021.

The **Third Phase** of the program will commence in early August 2021 and will continue until all Ontarians who wish to receive the vaccination have been able to do so.

Health care professionals who are able to administer the vaccine can register and apply through [Ontario's Matching Portal](#). This applies to physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and registered practical nurses, along with pharmacists, pharmacy students, interns and pharmacy technicians.

Individuals, such as CASLPO's regulated **audiologists and speech-language pathologists**, who are interested in supporting the broader COVID-19 vaccination plan in roles such as data entry and scheduling, can also express their interest through the Matching Portal.

Audiologists and speech-language pathologists are reminded to follow all directives, guidance and [CASLPO's Pandemic Practice Advisories](#).

The College will continue to monitor Ontario's roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines and will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

As we work together to provide services in a pandemic, [Practice Advice](#) is here to help you.

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy!

Brian O'Riordan
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