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

CASLPO is relying on information from the Ministry of Health (MOH) regarding the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out and priority plan. **The College itself is not involved in vaccination delivery matters, nor the scheduling of when registrants will be receiving the vaccine.**

Registrants of the College should pay close attention to information being posted by their employers, and the direct guidance from the Ministry, or their local regional public health authority, especially if they work in hospital or long-term care settings.

According to the Ministry of Health's updated [Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (Version 2.0 February 9, 2021), audiologists working in community care, including clinics and other sites, fall within what is described as "High Priority". Speech-language pathologists fall under the same section, i.e. "High Priority" of the document (pages 11-12) under "Non-acute rehab therapy".

The Guidance document describes the stepwise approach to prioritization of health care workers ("Highest"; "Very High"; "High"; and "Moderate"). In the document, there are also case examples and FAQs. The roles of the MOH, Public Health Units and local partners in determining the prioritization are also explained.

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

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

**Stay Safe. Stay Healthy!**

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