

Statement: A message to Albertans on Alberta’s vaccination efforts

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During times of public health emergencies, it is essential the information shared with the public is as accurate as possible. Unfortunately, there has been some information shared online that does not accurately reflect Alberta Health’s vaccination strategy, some of which has been shared by physicians. For example, the comments made about vaccine wastage are not an accurate representation of the direction provided by Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Health. CPSA would like to help clarify this misinformation to reassure Albertans of the incredible effort and planning that has gone into the vaccination response.

As [Alberta Health recently shared](#) in a press release, it is important to note “in all large-scale immunization programs, a minimal amount of vaccine will be lost when drawing doses or if a vial is dropped or spilled.” However, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has confirmed that as of Jan. 5, 2021, only 86 doses (less than 0.3 per cent) of the 26,000 COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Alberta have experienced wastage. AHS and Alberta Health have worked collaboratively to avoid wastage of the vaccines, by overbooking appointments and allowing clinic staff to vaccinate each other with any remaining supply.

CPSA supports our healthcare partners who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts. We encourage Albertans to seek information directly from Alberta Health or AHS when they encounter questionable information online or through social media platforms.

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