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ALBERTA FIRE FIGHTERS TO RECEIVE VACCINATION

In recognition of the Government of Alberta announcement today *Finishing Phase 2 of Vaccine Rollout*; starting April 30th, Alberta fire fighters can begin booking appointments at participating pharmacies or Alberta Health Services (AHS) clinics to receive their COVID-19 vaccination.

The Alberta Association of Fire Chiefs would like to thank Premier Jason Kenney, Minister of Health Tyler Shandro, Cabinet, and members of the Alberta Public Service for their initiative and understanding of the importance of fire fighter's role as first responders.

This move is seen as a critical acknowledgement by the Government, of the importance of the Fire Service, whether delivered by volunteer or career firefighters. Many communities see fire trucks and crews responding to medical emergencies on a daily basis. As with other first responders, the vaccinations will protect the fire fighters, the crews that currently must self-isolate potentially leaving the communities with less protection, and the citizens that they come into daily contact with.

The AFCA would like to thank all those who advocated on behalf of the Alberta Fire Service including many M.L.A.s, community leaders and individual citizens. We would also acknowledge the Alberta Fire Fighters Association for their efforts to bring attention to this public health concern.

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