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Update on Eastern Health AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD Vaccination Clinic

March 31, 2021 – St. John’s, NL: Eastern Health is advising that all appointment slots have now been filled for the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccination clinic for residents aged 55 to 64 on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The clinic is being offered to use 210 vaccines which are set to expire this week. COVISHIELD is the version of the AstraZeneca vaccine being used in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Newfoundland and Labrador public health officials paused the administration of the COVISHIELD vaccine for adults under age 55 on March 29, 2021. This decision was based on new guidelines from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, which cites European reports of rare instances of vaccine-induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopenia (VIPIT) in people four to 20 days after receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine. For more information, please click [here](#).

Additional information on vaccination schedules will be provided as it becomes available and more clinics are set up.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, please visit [Health Canada](#). For up-to-date information on the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19.

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