

Media Report 16 JULY 2021

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa. Due to ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic callers may experience increased wait times when calling the Government of Canada Pension Center. Callers may also experience dropped calls, as all telecommunication networks across Canada are presently facing capacity challenges. and local Media Articles and An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. We all need healthcare services. The Treatment benefits program provides coverage for a variety of benefits and services to help you get—and stay healthy. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal

Tracking every case of COVID-19 in Canada

5,055 active 1,389,812 recovered 26,446 deaths

Canada

Total Percentage of population vaccinated	Total Percentage of population fully vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage of population vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage of population fully vaccinated
68.91%	43.30%	78.39%	49.26%
+0.09%	+1.02%	+0.10%	+1.16%
Total doses administered	First doses	Second doses	Received from manufacturer
42,719,936	26,234,446	16,485,490	50,698,456
+421,042	+33,527	+387,515	+0
			Received doses administered
			84.26%
			+0.83%

Tables now use updated populations supplied by provinces, where available. Vaccination percentages have dropped slightly in some cases where provinces have provided a larger current population than what is available in Statistics Canada data.

Group Health Insurance

About this program

You and your family may need basic or additional healthcare coverage. VAC's Health Benefits Program offers access to group health insurance through the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP). Participants are responsible for paying monthly premiums. The amount of your premium depends on the type and level of coverage you choose.

The Public Service Health Care Plan provides coverage for a wide variety of health-related products and services. Participation is voluntary and can be in addition to other medical coverage you may have, such as treatment benefits or rehabilitation services from VAC, private insurance, etc.

The plan reimburses 80 percent of the cost for most eligible expenses. Eligible expenses include prescription medicines, vision care, medical practitioners, dental treatments as a result of accidental injury, other services and supplies, out-of-province referrals or expenses, and hospital accommodation charges depending on the coverage you selected.

This plan offers two kinds of coverage:

Supplementary Coverage:

- For those living in Canada, an added coverage on top of the health insurance plan in your home province or territory.

Comprehensive Coverage:

- For those living outside of Canada and not covered by a provincial or territorial health insurance plan.
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Do you qualify?

You can apply for group health insurance through VAC if you are:

- a former CAF member who released on or after April 1, 2006 and you have been approved for the SISIP Long Term Disability program, or
 - a former CAF member who is eligible for VAC rehabilitation services, or
 - the survivor of a CAF member or Veteran who died after April 1, 2006 as a result of a service-related injury or illness, and you are not already receiving the Public Service Health Care Plan through the Department of National Defence.
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How to apply

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at a [VAC office or CAF transition centre](#). You can also mail your completed application directly to the address listed on the form.

[Go to form](#)

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office or CAF Transition Centre](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Find out more

Dental coverage is not available as part of the PSHCP. For additional terms and conditions of coverage, as well as detailed information regarding the benefits provided, please call Sun Life at 1-888-757-7427 or visit [their Website](#) or the [Public Service Health Care Plans](#) site.

Related programs

[Rehabilitation Program](#): Services to improve your health and adjust to life after service.

[SISIP Long Term Disability program](#): Provides replacement income protection when you are released for medical reasons.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?

Yes, please call us at 1-866-522-2122 or email information@veterans.gc.ca

I have a concern with my coverage, who do I contact?

If you are not satisfied with your coverage you can [submit an appeal](#) directly to the PSHCP.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read the policies for the [Health Benefits program](#).

[View more FAQs](#) about the Public Service Health Care Plan.

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