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## VACCINE UPDATE

Throughout this pandemic, our first priority has always been the safety and security of all Canadians. That's why we've **secured the most number of COVID-19 vaccine doses per capita in the world** – putting Canada at the front of the pack to receive the vaccine. The federal government is covering the costs of the vaccines and the supplies needed to administer them, as well as coordinating the logistical aspects of vaccine deployment across the country through the National Operations Centre, which is supported by the Canadian Armed Forces. By September, we'll have enough vaccines for every Canadian who wants one. Our top priority is keeping you and your family safe.

*The federal government is covering the cost of these vaccines, as well as the supplies needed to administer them, so all Canadians who want a vaccine will receive one by September 2021.*

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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Confirmed doses for 2021

Pfizer-BioNTech 40 million

Moderna 40 million

These totals are confirmed to be received by September 2021.

### Rapid Tests delivered to Manitoba\*

Panbio 324,800

ID NOW 43,224

BD Veritor 64,800

\* numbers current as of January 12, 2021

## STAY INFORMED

This information is accurate at time of printing on January 14, 2021. For up-to-date information on vaccine distribution and other COVID-19 updates, visit [www.canada.ca/COVID19](http://www.canada.ca/COVID19)

## HELP FOR SENIORS

As seniors age, they are more likely to outlive their savings, have disabilities, be unable to work and be widowed—all while their health care costs are rising. To help address these pressures, our government has taken ambitious and progressive measures to help seniors' financial security. Here is a snapshot of what has been done, and the work that continues.

### Stronger income security

- Restored age of eligibility for OAS and GIS to 65 years
- Increased GIS by \$947
- Increased GIS earnings exemption
- Increased the Basic Personal Amount for income taxes
- Committed to increasing OAS and boosting CPP survivor's benefit
- Bringing forward a Disability Inclusion Plan, which will include a new Canadian Disability Benefit modelled after GIS

### Health and well-being

- Invested an additional \$6 billion in home care and community care
- Building new affordable housing units for seniors
- Created the Canada Housing Benefit which will help low income seniors afford their rent
- Created Canada's first National Dementia Strategy
- Passed the Accessible Canada Act, which will provide more consistent accessibility across the country
- Created a Minister for Seniors to ensure seniors' interests are always at the Cabinet table
- Moving forward with foundational elements of national, universal pharmacare

## ANIMAL SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

I recently read an article that highlighted some of the challenges that COVID-19 has presented to local animal shelters and I wanted to help. Many of these shelters are volunteer-run and they do tremendous work to help rescue and nurture animals until they can find their forever home. Over the next few months, I will be highlighting some local animal shelters and animals available for adoption. I hope you will discover some new shelters like I did!

### POPCORNS AND BINKIES RESCUE HAVEN

We are Winnipeg's only small-animal exclusive non-profit charity rescue. We take in exotic animals of all kinds, from rabbits to geckos and beyond. We provide charitable tax receipts for all donations of \$20.00 or more. Inquiries about fostering, adopting or volunteering can be sent to [popcornsandbinkies@gmail.com](mailto:popcornsandbinkies@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and our website: [www.popcornsandbinkies.org](http://www.popcornsandbinkies.org)



**Meet Eevee!** Eevee is an approx. 2.5 year old female dwarf mix rabbit who loves to snuggle in the crook of your neck as you walk around the house. She also makes cute little grunting noises at play time and snack time!

She loves to play with toys that she can bite and throw around, and while she doesn't enjoy the company of other rabbits, she does love hanging out with her humans.

### RESCUE SIAMESE & STRAY CATS

We are a non-profit, no kill, volunteer run feline rescue founded in 1996 in Winnipeg and the only Siamese rescue in Canada. We give preference to the Siamese and Oriental Breeds but will also take domestic partners of these breeds. The cats are relinquished to our care by other shelters, agencies, or the public throughout Manitoba. General inquiries can be sent to [rescue\\_siamesewpg@hotmail.com](mailto:rescue_siamesewpg@hotmail.com); adoption, appointments and donations to [rescuesiameseadoptions@outlook.com](mailto:rescuesiameseadoptions@outlook.com). You can find us at [www.rescuesiamese.com](http://www.rescuesiamese.com) or on Facebook.



**Meet Atlas!** Atlas is a 3 year old Siamese X. He is an affectionate and smart kitty who is fine with other cats and not terribly worried about dogs. He is a sweet boy who loves people but does have a dangerous habit of chewing and ingesting plastic. Small children and specifically their toys would be a potential hazard for him; therefore a well organized, minimalist home would be best for him.