



## New report by leading seniors' organization scores New Brunswick a 'D' on vaccinating seniors

CanAge is releasing the second edition of its “vaccine report card”, scoring each province and territory on their efforts to vaccinate older adults—Government of Manitoba among worst on making vaccines accessible to seniors

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**TORONTO ON, Jan 31**—CanAge, Canada's National Seniors' Advocacy Organization has released its second '[cross-country report card on adult vaccination in Canada](#)'. The groundbreaking report, updated annually, assigns each province and territory a letter grade on how effective they are in vaccinating seniors against preventable diseases, using a data-driven scoring rubric. The Government of New Brunswick scored an overall grade of D due to critical gaps in vaccine coverage, and creating unnecessary barriers to uptake in older adults.

“The Government of New Brunswick increased its score this year by funding seniors-specific flu shots across the province,” says Laura Tamblyn Watts, CEO of CanAge. “But the same can't be said for the recommended shingles vaccine, which still comes with a hefty price tag that's unattainable for countless seniors living on a fixed income.”

New Brunswick is also among the worst in the country on making vaccines easily accessible to the 45% of people over age 50 in the province, and public education on immunization as a whole. “It's simply too hard for seniors to find out about, and get, their recommended vaccines in New Brunswick,” warns Tamblyn Watts. Health experts in the province have been calling for the newer shingles vaccine, which costs roughly \$300, to be covered for everyone over 50—but the government has yet to follow through. [The report](#) also shows that many people living with immunocompromising conditions are not covered for the recommended pneumonia vaccine, opening them up to serious risk of life-threatening health outcomes.

The 2022 edition of '[Adult Vaccination in Canada: Cross-Country Report Card](#)' is [available for download now](#).

Regional media releases summarizing the findings for each province and territory are [available on the CanAge website](#).



## About CanAge

[CanAge is Canada's National Seniors' Advocacy Organization](#), working to improve the lives of older adults through advocacy, policy, and community engagement. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization and backed by a broad pan-Canadian membership base. [Find out more.](#)

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