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Good afternoon everyone! Today's post will focus on the current status of the vaccine delivery and distribution. Currently, many countries are falling behind on their initial projections of vaccine delivery and unfortunately, Canada is on that list. So today, we aim to update our readers on the delays and what may be happening in Canada.

The current issue that Canada is experiencing when it comes to the COVID-19 vaccination is simply this: the number of doses that are arriving are less than the Canadian government has anticipated. Yesterday, Thursday Feb 4th, Canada was supposed to receive 230,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, however, we only received 180,000 doses. This trend is expected to carry into the next shipment of Moderna vaccines that are supposed to arrive in the week of February 22nd. The reason for this discrepancy has not been elaborated on by Moderna, but according to a news report from Yahoo! News, Moderna does remain committed to providing 2 million doses of the vaccine by the end of March.

The other approved vaccine in Canada created by Pfizer is also experiencing some setbacks as well. This week (starting Monday Feb 1st) Canada received 79,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, with an approx. of 70,000 arriving next week. After the delay of these two weeks, procurements of the Pfizer vaccine are expected to ramp back up to 335,000 doses of Pfizer the week of Feb 15th, and 395,000 doses of Pfizer on the final week of February.

Currently, Canada sits 29th in the world in vaccine administration with only 2.6 people per 100,000 being vaccinated. In comparison, Israel leads the charge with 57.6 people per 100,000 and United Arab Emirates sitting in second with 34.8 people per 100,000.

Let's not let this troubling news overshadow the progress that Johnson & Johnson has made with their vaccine, as they announced Jan. 29th that their single dose vaccine is approx. 85% effective within the first month of injection, and 66% effective against moderate to severe illnesses. This hopefully lowers the chances of severe illness or hospitalization. Canada has pre-purchased 10 million doses of the vaccine, but it is still waiting on Health Canada approval.

We hope that this provides a better idea of where Canada is with our current vaccine deliveries, and perhaps some news that more doses are on the way come mid-to-late February.

Until next week, we leave you with our farewell and a reminder to continue to stay safe and healthy. Be kind to yourself and others.

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