

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

First dose COVID-19 vaccine available for staff at licensed child-care facilities in VCH

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To: Staff at licensed child-care facilities in the VCH region

From: VCH COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Integrated Operating Committee

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Vancouver Coastal Health continues to implement the provincial COVID-19 Immunization Plan, which includes frontline and essential workers in sectors where full use of personal protective equipment and barriers can be challenging, where outbreaks and clusters have occurred, and where workers live or work in congregate settings.

Eligibility has now expanded to include staff at licensed child-care facilities in the VCH region, who are at increased risk as a result of recent COVID-19 transmission in the communities where they work. This week, you are invited to attend a clinic for vaccination against COVID-19. **Please follow the two-step process below in order to first register, and then book an appointment.**

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

STEP 1

- To register, go to: <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline>
- On the registration page, enter your personal and contact information and the following **access code: 30005001346**
*Note: You **will not be able to register without the access code.**
- Upon successful registration, you will receive a confirmation number followed by a text/email within 24 hours with a **unique link for booking** your vaccination appointment.

STEP 2

- Use the link provided in your text/email to visit the online booking page.
- In the online booking process, **select from a list** of all the priority clinics available.
- Book your appointment.

This registration site is intended only for identified frontline workers. By choosing to register through this service, you are acknowledging that you have received this code from your employer.

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This letter is not transferrable. Vaccine doses have been allocated for your staff only; do not share the link with others who are not members of your child-care facility as they will be turned away at the clinic.

To ensure eligibility, please bring with you:

- your driver's license (or other government issued photo ID)
- Personal Health Number/BC Services Card, if you have one
- Employee ID, paystub, or letter from your employer

Second doses will be offered 16 weeks from the first dose based on provincial and national [recommendations](#). Data from jurisdictions around the world shows one dose of vaccine provides a high level of protection. When it's time to receive the second dose, your staff will be invited to receive it as they were for their first dose. It is important they retain the paper record of immunization to bring back to the clinic when it time for their second dose.

A list of FAQs is attached. If you have further questions, or want to know more about COVID-19 vaccination in VCH, please visit VCH.ca.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLINIC:

- Anyone arriving who is not eligible and cannot provide evidence of eligibility (see below) will be turned away.
- This vaccine is recommended for those aged 18 and up.
- Please do not attend the clinic if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if you have been asked by Public Health to self-isolate.
- Come alone, to assist with COVID-19 safety protocols. Physical distancing measures will be in place throughout, including while waiting in line.
- You will be provided with a medical mask and reminded to maintain physical distancing guidelines while at the clinic.
- After you receive your vaccination, please plan to stay on site for 15 minutes to ensure you experience no adverse effects, such as an allergic reaction.

Important reminder: Provincial orders and guidelines remain in place for everyone, even if you have received the vaccine.