

APRIL
2021



THE MEMBERS' VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF CUPE LOCAL 15, VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY WORKERS
We are on the unceded Coast Salish Territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh)

Please note!

The union office continues to be open to staff only and closed to members, executive, and other visitors. Union business is being conducted by telephone, email, video conferencing, conference calls, and outside the office when necessary.

Office telephone hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

APRIL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership meeting will be held on **April 28, 2021 on Zoom.**

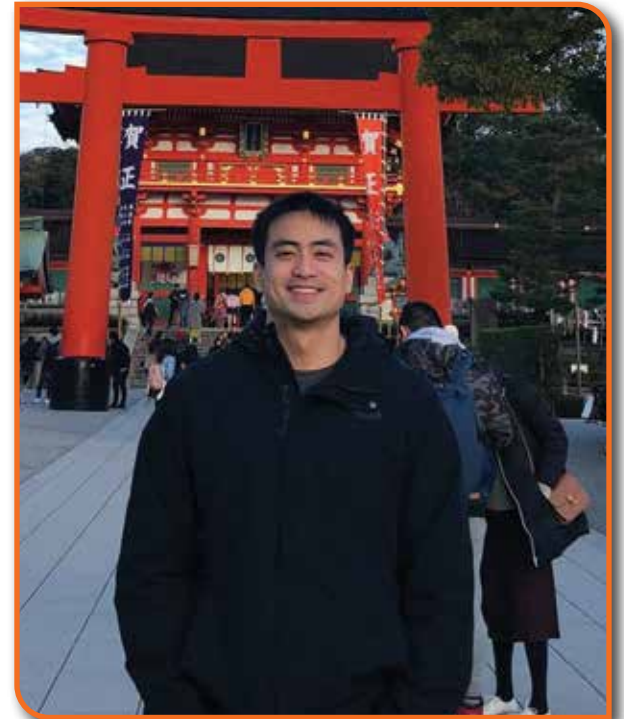
You will be sent an invitation by email if the union office has a personal email address on file for you. Details will also be posted at www.cupe15.org.

If you do not receive emails from the union office and would like to attend this meeting please call us at 604-879-4671 to update your information or email us at email@cupel5.org.

Under Discussion:

- Committee and Staff Reports
- Bylaw Amendments 12.1, 12.3, 12.7.3 (Notice served in the March 2019 issue of the Members' Voice and posted under the Bylaws tab on the website)
- Donation to the Canadian Anti-Racism Education and Research Society

Meet our members for April!



Mas Taherazar

City Sector-Technology Services, Desktop and Field Services Technician

Q. What do you love about your job?

A. As a desktop tech I get to travel around the city and interact with staff in every varied and unique role that we have across the City of Vancouver. Every day is different and every interaction has its own challenges and success.

Q. Binge-worthy TV show on Netflix, Prime, etc.?

A. Binged "The Last Dance".

Q. What is your nickname?

A. No nicknames sadly.

Q. Coke or Pepsi?

A. Coke Zero.

Q. Name a place that you have always wanted to travel and why?

A. Africa, Wild Safari.

Q. What makes you roll your eyes every time you hear it?

Whenever someone uses "irregardless" or pronounces "our" as "are" ... example – please make yourself at home at "our house".

Nicholas Ko

City Sector-Technology Services, Service Desk Technician

Q. What do you love about your job?

A. Helping people and the occasional issue that turns into a complex one.

Q. Binge-worthy TV show on Netflix, Prime, etc.?

A. There are so many! Suits, Grey's Anatomy, How I Met Your Mother, to name a few. Jack Ryan on Prime, and WandaVision on Disney +.

Q. What is your nickname?

A. Nick.

Q. Coke or Pepsi?

A. Coke .

Q. Name a place that you have always wanted to travel and why?

A. Tokyo! For the food and culture. I grew up on manga and anime.

Q. What makes you roll your eyes every time you hear it?

A. When a ticket comes in and says "My computer is not working" with no screenshots or additional information.

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CUPE Local 15
545 W. 10th Ave.
Vancouver, BC
V5Z 1K9



Stay strong, we're almost there!



WARREN WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

by **Warren Williams,**
President

Hello Members,

Spring has arrived and with it a surge in COVID-19 exposures and COVID-19 positive cases. It has been a very difficult year for all of

us socially, emotionally, and in our careers because of the pandemic. I can't stress enough the importance of continuing to be vigilant. This is not the time to give in, to

throw our hands up in the air, or to concede. This is the time to stand strong, to support each other, to reach out to one another with words of reassurance whether it be by a simple phone call, a text, Instagram post, or Facebook message,

I know it has been difficult but this too will pass and by working together we can put COVID in the rear-view mirror. Working together is key and we must all do our part no matter what our position is on masks, vaccinations, hygiene, or physical distancing.

Being the president often requires one to be selfless by putting other before self. That is what it will take to defeat this pandemic.

We all need to be selfless. I implore each and every one of you to not just think of yourselves but to think of your families and your communities. We need to do this not only for our own health but to strengthen our work force which has been devastated due to this pandemic.

Stay strong, stay committed, and be supportive. The best weapon against this virus is to get vaccinated. I strongly recommend it when you are eligible you do so.

In solidarity,
Warren Williams

Please see page 8 for info on how to get your vaccine.

We are in Phase 3:

- Phase 3 – Current phase
- Timeline: April to May 2021
- People aged 79 to 60, in five year increments:
 - 79 to 75 (D1 April)
 - 74 to 70 (D1 April)
 - 69 to 65 (D1 April)
 - 64 to 60 (D1 April/May)
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) peoples aged 64 to 18 (D1 April)
- People aged 74 to 16 who are clinically extremely vulnerable (D1 March/April)

FOR MORE INFO:



PLEASE GET YOUR VACCINATION



We need to keep workplaces safe

by **Debbie Mohabir,** *Secretary-Treasurer*

Hello Everyone,

On April 28th we recognize the National Day of Mourning to commemorate CUPE members and all workers who have been injured, made



DEBBIE MOHABIR
SECRETARY-TREASURER

sick, or killed while at their jobs. We also recognize those who continue to actively work on creating safer workplaces.

Every year workers endure toxic work environments that are often created or enabled by employers because of

their inaction. As a result, we see workers going off work due to stress, depression,

anxiety, and other mental health illnesses. This is unacceptable and there needs to be more accountability to make sure this doesn't continue.

We also see workers who get sick as a result of things like asbestos, and prolonged exposures to toxic fumes or materials as they carry out the duties of their job. These illnesses could have been prevented if proper precautions were taken to protect them while they were working.

This is why as union members and workers, we have to continue to keep our workplaces safe. We can do this by holding employers accountable by speaking up, reaching out to your OH&S site committee when you see something unsafe, getting involved in the union, or as an OH&S worker representative. You can also support coworkers who may need help or just point them in the right direction to seek guidance. We all have a role to play in keeping our worksites safe.

Please also remember that every worker has rights. For example, the right to a safe working environment, the right to orientation

and training, the right to refuse unsafe work, the right to know about hazards in the workplace, and the right to participate in health and safety activities in the workplace, etc. You can find more information on rights, roles, and responsibilities on the Worksafe BC website <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/create-manage/rights-responsibilities>. I encourage you all to read and familiarize yourself with this important information.

If you have the opportunity, please visit www.dayofmourning.bc.ca. I took some time out of my day to read the dedications of the fallen workers and couldn't help but shed some tears. The messages of love and remembrance accompany every name. The hole that is left for families and friends of those who have died in workplace accidents or from illnesses caused by their work environment is overwhelming. My heart goes out to all of those families that have been affected. So many tragic accidents could have been prevented and families would still have their loved ones.

Call of interest

CUPE Local 15 OH&S Committee

The CUPE Local 15 Occupational Health & Safety Committee is looking for alternates for the Parks, Cultural, and Health Sectors. The successful applicant must have a solid knowledge base and experience handling OH&S issues. Please email expressions of interest to Henry Lee, Committee Chair, at henrylee@cupe15@gmail.com before April 28, 2021.

Notices of Motion

1. Donation – CARES

The Executive recommends that the members approve a donation of \$1500 to the Canadian Anti-Racism Education and Research Society.

2. Proposed New Bylaw 13.3.5

The Executive recommends that the members approve a proposed new bylaw 13.3.5 - A member may vote for a candidate in one sector only.

Explanation – This would enshrine past practice. The Election Committee had a full discussion and recommended that as per past practice a member should be entitled to one vote only and may choose which sector to use the vote in (i.e. one membership equals one vote).

Donation Thanks

I wanted to personally thank CUPE Local 15 for the generous donation of \$1,000.

Thanks to your support, we are gearing up to launch our BIPOC podcast network. We will be providing the technology needed to train Black and Indigenous volunteers so that they can start a podcast series that speaks to their experience with racism in our city. Virtual production training will be offered as well as one-on-one mentorships. We feel that this is an important step as a community radio station whose values are rooted in social justice.

We are excited to keep you updated with our progress. In the meantime, please tune into CFRO 100.5 FM and check out some of our current radio shows.

And once again, thank you for supporting this important project. If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in launching a radio show or podcast, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at community@coopradio.org.

With gratitude,
Debbie Roche, Fundraising & Promotions Coordinator - Vancouver Co-op Radio

VSJ Job Share Opportunities

1. SSA looking for a job share partner to work in the LA/LS program at Point Grey Secondary three days a week from September 2021 to April 2022. If you are interested please contact Yuan at yzhou@vsb.bc.ca to discuss the details.
2. SSA looking for a job share partner to work at Van Horne Elementary school starting September 2021. Days are flexible. If you are interested please contact Rosemary Mahnger at rmahnger@vsb.bc.ca.
3. SSA looking for a job share partner to work preferably on Thursdays and Fridays at John Norquay Elementary starting September 2021. If you are interested please contact Sheila at sheilafarrales3@gmail.com.
4. SSA looking for a job share partner to work three days a week at Mount Pleasant Elementary for the 2021/2022 school year. If you are interested please contact Jen at jen.prasol@telus.net.
5. SSSW looking for a job share partner for the 2021/2022 school year at Champlain Annex. If you are interested please contact Cinzia at ylenia@telus.net.
6. SSA looking for a job share partner to work preferably on Thursdays and Fridays at Queen Victoria Annex starting September 2021. If you are interested please contact Totka at tivanov@vsb.bc.ca.
7. SSW looking for a job share partner to work three days a week at Maple Grove Elementary. If you want to join a great team in a brand new building contact Andrea at acorbett@vsb.bc.ca

MEMBER & EXECUTIVE DECISIONS



The Executive Decided

At the Executive and Society Board meetings on March 16, 2021 the following decisions were made:

- To appoint Zackeri Erickson to the Parks Labour Management Committee.
- To donate \$1,000 toward the cost of polling through the Vancouver and District Labour Council regarding the public view of current Vancouver City Council, the Mayor, and political parties for a potential by-election.
- To reimburse a shop steward \$15.95 for long distance charges incurred while supporting a member.

The Members Decided

At the Virtual General Membership Meetings on March 18, 2021 and March 24, 2021 the members in attendance made the following decisions:

- To amend Bylaw 7.4 - Initiation Fees and Monthly Dues. The proposed amendments have been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To amend Bylaw 12.7.4 – Officers. The proposed amendment has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To add a new bylaw to Section 21: Discipline of Members. The new language has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To approve a new bylaw regarding policies (not yet numbered). The new language has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.

- To amend Bylaw 7.5 – Assessments. The proposed amendment has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To amend Bylaw Section 9: Order of Business. The proposed amendments have been sent to the CUPE National President for approval. The proposed amendments have been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To amend Bylaw Section 10: Notices of Motion. The proposed amendments have been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To amend Bylaws 12.8 and 13.3.1 – Election Cycle of Trustees. The proposed amendments have been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To approve a new bylaw 13.4: Returning Officer. The proposed language has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To approve a new bylaw 13.3.5: Proxy Voting. The proposed language has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To move the Obligation of Officers language from Section 26 to Section 13.
- To approve a new bylaw 13.7: By-elections. The proposed language has been sent to the CUPE National President for approval.
- To elect Lilianna Gut as Trustee for the remainder of a three year term ending May 25, 2022.



**INSPIRING
MEMBERS
IN THE
COMMUNITY**

Narinder Klair

Cambie VPD Building Cleaner - Feeding the community since 2012



**International
Solidarity
Report**

*Submitted by Kamal Gautam,
City Sector Representative and
International Solidarity Committee
Representative*

**Phillipines
under siege :**

SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION

Sixty-five organizations (including churches, trade union, and Filipino associations) based in Canada have jointly sent a letter calling on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to publicly condemn the state sponsored terror perpetrated by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte against the Filipino people.

According to Beth Dollaga, representative of ICHRP BC, the human rights situation in the Philippines is a matter of utmost urgency. A series of military operations during the weekend of March 4-7, 2021 killed nine labour and Indigenous leaders and human rights activists. Now known as “Bloody Sunday” the deadly military operations are part of President Duterte’s increasingly brutal implementation of government’s counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism wars. Since Duterte

came to power in 2016 tens of thousands have died in Duterte’s so called war on drugs, including 300 farmers, Indigenous peoples, and human rights defenders. Fifty-five lawyers and judges have also been killed.

International and local human rights groups, as well as United Nations experts have warned that these campaigns no longer make any distinction between armed rebels and new combatant activists, such as labour leaders and human rights defenders.

ICHP BC has called on the BC International Solidarity Committee and Global Justice to call on the Canadian Government to condemn the Duterte Government’s terror on its citizens and further call on the Canadian Government to end all support and cooperation with the Philippine’s military and police. This includes the withdrawal and end of financial assistance for anti-terrorism and training provided directly to the Philippine Government or through other entities such as ASEAN and Interpol.

The International Solidarity Committee will follow through on the commitment to protect and promote human rights, labour rights, and to use this commitment as a lens for any ongoing and planned resolutions to the Canadian Government.

Day of Mourning

April 28

We remember those who died, or were injured or made ill, from their work

We commit to protecting workers and preventing further workplace tragedies

#dayofmourning

The logo for CCOHS.ca, featuring a stylized green and yellow flame icon to the left of the text "CCOHS.ca" in a bold, sans-serif font.

April 28th is the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured at the Workplace

Every year, CUPE members across the country organize events to mark the National Day of Mourning in recognition of CUPE members and all workers who were injured, made sick, or killed at work. This past year has been especially challenging for many of our members as they worked to provide frontline services through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Day of Mourning offers us an opportunity to stand together with the world's workers to remember those who have died on the job, and to reflect on what needs to be done to prevent more deaths and injuries.

On April 28th:

- We remember all workers stricken with workplace illness, suffering injuries, or killed on the job.
- We remember children left without a parent and families facing hardship and deprivation.
- We remember young workers who are injured and killed at a much higher rate than mature workers.
- We remember women workers whose hazards are often unrecognized or ignored by health studies.
- We remember the working wounded who are forced to continue to work because they are denied fair compensation.
- We remember families and friends who have to nurse or care for ill or injured workers.

The Day of Mourning was born of the values of the union movement. It was created by working people in their constant fight for decent, safe working conditions. Remembering the union struggles helps us obtain laws and protections to make workplaces safe:

- We vow that “an injury to one is an injury to all”.
- We demand the enforcement of health and safety laws.
- We denounce those who place profits before workers' health.
- We proclaim our right to safe workplaces and respect on the job.

On April 28th, we reaffirm our solidarity and commitment to workplace health and safety and clearly state to all that we mourn the dead and fight for the living.

OH&S CORNER

Day of Mourning

by *Cynthia Schadt, K-12 Sector Representative*

April 28th is the National Day of Mourning. When I think of this day, I think of my father and mother. My parents were individuals who performed manual labour in their daily work duties and were more prone to experiencing a workplace accident. Mom was a baker and dad was a welder.

When dad came home from work, I remember him smelling like metal and his hands covered in fine slivers of metal and fiberglass. He would painstakingly remove them with some tweezers. There were many times when my father came home after a workplace accident where his hands would be injured by a power tool at work. I remember one time when I was an adult, before my father retired, he worked

in a plant that manufactured rebar. Somehow the rebar went through his palm. After two weeks he was expected to go back to work.

Mostly he worked as a welder. As a welder he was more prone to prostate cancer due to the use of metal cadmium when manufacturing the cabs of semi-trucks. Soon after he retired he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and three and a half years later he passed away.

My mother lost 60% her hearing during the eleven years of working as a baker. This was discovered when she received a hearing test after she retired. She was asked whether she was offered any hearing protection at her workplace, and she said no. Such a simple, cheap solution for an irreparable problem. She was also very allergic to the wheatlets

used in making the bread and often came home with her face very swollen.

My brother and I were very fortunate because my parents always came home. No matter what happened, they always came home. Many people are not so fortunate. There are families who have lost family members because employers were cutting corners, lack of training, the fear of not reporting health and safety issues for fear of being disciplined or fired, and ignoring health and safety issues because of deadlines.

Let us take a moment and think of all the workers who have been injured or have lost their lives due to a workplace accident and their families on April 28th.

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ACROSS

- 1 narrow escape (two words)
- 6 a long, narrow strap attached at one end to a horse's bit
- 9 feminine (abbreviation)
- 10 extra virgin olive _ _ _
- 12 15 in roman numerals
- 13 breaks in bone
- 15 take the initiative
- 17 protected
- 20 hauled
- 23 leave
- 25 proceed
- 26 a long period of time
- 27 remedy
- 28 orange juice (abbreviation)
- 29 a domain name extension that identifies a website as 100%

- Canadian
- 30 type of serpent
- 32 an exchange of information
- 35 Symbol for gold
- 36 what one hopes to earn as a server
- 38 a tool you may use to cut down a tree
- 39 essential oil (acronym)
- 40 not very many
- 41 the end of life
- 42 impairment of health
- 43 deadly
- 45 the drawing in of air
- 49 two, _ _ , or too
- 51 health and _ _ _ _ _
- 52 opposite of no

DOWN

- 1 coffee shop
- 2 occupational first aid (acronym)
- 3 safe
- 4 emerg med tech (acronym)
- 5 personal casualty
- 7 additional
- 8 intravenous (abbreviation)
- 11 torn ragged wound
- 14 fish eggs
- 16 Cdn Union of Public Emp
- 18 share knowledge
- 19 emergency room (acronym)
- 20 head injury
- 21 first aid _ _ _ _
- 22 physical trauma
- 24 instead of coffee
- 30 body odour (acronym)
- 31 covering
- 33 to cut grass
- 34 internet protocol (acronym)
- 37 having knowledge of
- 40 doesn't work
- 41 a curried lentil dish
- 43 friend or _ _ _
- 44 a social insect
- 46 like
- 47 informal thank you
- 48 in the event that
- 50 old English (acronym)

JOB POSTING

Upcoming vacancy for an Office Assistant

CUPE Local 15 is accepting applications for one permanent full-time Office Assistant position.

This is clerical work of advanced complexity including word processing and data processing. Duties include maintaining union files, members' records, dues check off, reception, comprehensive proofreading of a variety of documents, and liaising with a variety of office supply and servicing companies. The duties of the position frequently require independent action and discretion to resolve problems and to work independently with minimal supervision. The successful candidate will be detail oriented with proven ability to manage a steady workload in a fast-paced working environment.

Required Knowledge, Ability, and Skills

- Knowledge of the organization, practices, procedures, and general rules of CUPE Local 15 sufficient to carry out the duties of the job, including the provision of accurate information to members and outside agencies.
- Knowledge of trade union and labour relations terminology sufficient to accurately word process and proofread a variety of documents and to deal with or refer phone calls, email correspondence, and other written correspondence as appropriate.
- Knowledge of standard professional business formats for a variety of documents including letters, reports, minutes, and emails.
- Ability to deal politely and tactfully with a variety of callers and visitors, some of whom may be angry or distressed, and to use discretion in providing or exchanging information and to keep sensitive information strictly confidential.
- Ability to operate a personal computer using database software to enter and edit information, and create and generate reports, and use word processing software to enter, format, edit and print a variety of documents.
- Ability to check records and printouts for errors and discrepancies and to maintain accessible files.

- Ability to navigate the union website to update, post, and delete a variety of documents and information.
- Ability to work to deadlines, establish priorities, and multi-task in a work situation where there are frequent interruptions and multiple demands.
- Ability to compose/generate straightforward memos, reports, letters, and emails.
- Ability to operate a variety of office equipment including a personal computer, printers, photocopiers, phone consoles, fax machine, postage machine, folding/inserting machine, and ECopy station.

Qualifications

- Grade 12 or equivalent, including or supplemented by courses in word processing and database management plus at least two year's previous related experience, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Ability to communicate both orally and in writing in the English language. Strong spelling and grammar skills are a necessity.
- Advanced Microsoft Outlook, Word, Access, and Excel, and Adobe Acrobat skills are essential.
- The incumbent must have a good telephone manner, the ability to deal effectively with a wide variety of people and situations, and be able to work efficiently as a member of a team.

A strong commitment to trade union principles is essential.

Salary and other working conditions as per the British Columbia Union Workers' Union collective agreement. Hours of work are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. based on a four-day week.

Please forward resumes to the CUPE Local 15 Office Manager by email to rmatheson@cupe15.org or via Canada Post only. The application deadline is 5:30 p.m. May 5, 2021. Resumes submitted without a cover letter will not be considered. Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

2021 Executive Board Elections

Congratulations, Donna!

Nominations were held at the March 24, 2021 Virtual General Membership Meeting. Due to the amendment of Bylaw 12.4 in 2019, which altered the election cycle of the Executive Board positions, only one trustee position was up for election this year.

Nominations took place at the March General Membership meeting and as a result Donna Petersen has been re-elected as a Trustee by acclamation. Therefore, there will not be an electronic vote this year.

Thank you to all the members who participated in the nomination process.

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COMMUNICATION
35. AU
36. TIP
38. SAW
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52. YES.

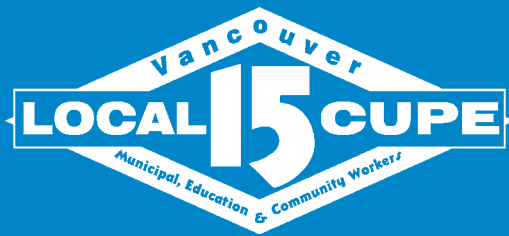
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Did you apply?

Attention all members:

Did you apply for the BC Recovery Benefit? If not, you can apply now for a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 for eligible families and single parents and up to \$500 for eligible individuals. You have until June 30, 2021 to apply.



The Members' Voice is published nine times a year for members of CUPE Local 15 - Vancouver Municipal, Education and Community Workers. The deadline for submissions is 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All submissions may be edited for brevity and clarity. Signed articles and letters do not necessarily reflect the views or policy of CUPE Local 15.

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CUPE National Representatives:

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COMMUNITY IMMUNITY COULD BE REACHED WHEN A LARGE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN BC ARE IMMUNIZED AGAINST COVID-19.

When you choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19, you are helping save lives by protecting your household and your entire community from the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be free for everyone in British Columbia.

For general information about the vaccine visit gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine or bccdc.ca/covid19. The Provincial Get Vaccinated registration and booking system opened on Tuesday, April 6th.

Booking Your Immunization Appointment

As of Tuesday, April 6, 2021, all eligible people can register to book their vaccine through Get Vaccinated. Fraser Health's self-serve vaccine booking tool has successfully transitioned to the provincial system.

There are three easy steps to register to book your vaccine appointment:

Register Online, by Phone or In Person at a BC Services Centre

First, you register and get a confirmation number. You will need that number to later book your vaccination appointment.

Registering also helps health authorities request the right amount of vaccine doses for each community.

1. Register online: gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated
2. Register by telephone: 1-833-838-2323 (toll free)
3. Register in-person at the nearest Service BC location

To register, you must provide your first and last name, date of birth, postal code, Personal Health Number, and an email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages. If you don't have a Personal Health Number, please register by phone or in person at a BC Services Centre. Phone centre agents will never ask you for financial information, including credit card information.

Book an Appointment

You will be contacted to book a vaccine appointment when you are eligible based on your age and the Immunization Plan phases. Book your appointment online or by phone. Select a location, date, and time. Please do not get discouraged if it takes a little longer to book your appointment by phone or online. Anyone who is eligible for the vaccine and wants to be immunized will receive their immunization.

Get the Vaccine

Visit the vaccine clinic to get your vaccine dose. People who get their first vaccine dose will be notified by email, text, or phone call when they are eligible to book an appointment for their second dose.

