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## **RE: Update on Vaccination Program for All VSB Staff**

Dear Staff,

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has informed District staff of their plan to provide Covid-19 vaccinations to all staff in each of the school districts within the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH). VCH has secured a supply of vaccines which will be made available starting this Friday, April 16.

All VSB staff are eligible to be vaccinated as part of this program regardless of their role in the District. As public health experts have explained, every single person who receives a vaccine helps to keep all of us safer.

Beginning this weekend and continuing on a week-by-week basis thereafter, VCH will identify and contact staff at school and District sites to let know that it is their turn to book an appointment. When their school or work site is identified as being next, staff at the site will be provided the necessary information on how to book an appointment, what documents to bring, and the location(s) of the vaccination clinics. Please note that clinic hours will be held outside of school times, on evenings and weekends.

Please be aware that these vaccination appointments are intended for people who have not already received a first dose as part of the province's vaccination plan. These clinics will not provide second doses, at this time. The vaccines used will be one of the vaccines approved for use by Health Canada.

We thank you all for your patience as we work through this process and we ask that you wait until your work site is identified before attempting to book an appointment. Over the coming weeks, everyone in the District who has not yet received their first dose will be able to schedule an appointment.

The District is pleased that the rollout of vaccinations for VSB staff is underway. All staff have worked diligently to support our learners and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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