

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

First dose COVID-19 vaccine available for kindergarten to Gr. 12 educational staff in the VCH region

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To: K – 12 Educational staff in Vancouver Coastal Health

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 industries 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. Immunizing educational staff will help educators and other school staff, parents, caregivers and students feel reassured that schools are a safe and low-risk environment for COVID-19 transmission.

This week, you may follow the two-step process below to register and then book an appointment.

Eligibility: Educational staff includes both instructional and non-instructional staff throughout your school district. This includes teachers, student support workers, principals/vice principals, office administrative assistants, librarians/counsellors, building engineers/custodians, food services, on-site daycare and pre-school staff, and bus drivers.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

If you have registered and experience difficulty booking, please call 1-833-838-2323 (open 7am to 7pm) for assistance.

STEP 1: REGISTER

- 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: 30002007946**
*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: BOOK

- 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.

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- 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.

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, OR recent pay stub or bank statement with payor school listed, OR letter from district or school

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](https://vch.ca).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLINIC:

- mRNA vaccine will be available at this clinic: either Pfizer or Moderna. A choice will not be offered.
- 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.