

Special Update – January 17, 2022

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS – PHO Order: School Staff Member Vaccination Status Reporting: Today the PHO released a new order related to the gathering and reporting of vaccine status of K–12 staff: [School Staff Member Vaccination Status Reporting](#). This order **enables** local Medical Health Officers (MHOs) to direct school boards and independent school authorities to obtain the vaccination status of school staff and share with the MHO in aggregate form.

The purpose of this order is to support MHOs, when necessary, to obtain information about K–12 staff vaccination rates to assess, advise on and respond to risks arising from exposures, cases, clusters and outbreaks in schools.

An MHO directive issued under this order would:

- Require the employer to collect vaccination status information of staff;
- Require staff to report vaccination status information to their employer;
- Require staff to update their vaccination status information if their status changes to their employer;
- Require the employer to provide aggregated vaccination status information by school to the MHO; and
- Require the employer to consider that staff who do not provide vaccination status as unvaccinated, when implementing control measures.

It is important to note that this order requires an MHO to issue a directive to a specific district/school authority to be actioned **and does not apply until/if such a directive is issued**. No action is required by school districts or school authorities unless contacted by your local MHO and provided a directive to comply.

BCPSEA will be providing additional information in the near future.

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