

Subject: COVID-19 Updates - April 8, 2021 - More Vaccination Updates
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Safety First!

With such high community spread, it is more important than ever to follow the safety practices that will keep you, the people you support and your families safe and healthy.

- **Stay home if you feel sick – Call 811 for further directions and testing**
- **If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, Call 811 for further directions and testing**
- **Wash your hands regularly**
- **Keep your distance – at least two metres or six feet from people outside your bubble**
- **Wear a mask on transit, in stores, in all indoor public spaces.**
- **Get outside, but continue to keep your distance.**
- **Keep your social bubble small – But stay connected with friends and family. Phone, video chat, go for a walk outside – it is so important to keep in touch.**
- **Continue with these safety practices even after vaccination. The vaccines help prevent serious illness three weeks after your shot, but they do not eliminate catching COVID-19 or spreading the infection to other people.**

Vaccines for People we Support

There are four ways that people we support have been getting their vaccines:

1. People living in Staffed Residential (24 hour staffing) have had HSCL visit their homes and give vaccines.
2. The age-based Vaccination plan is now at age 65 – people 65 years and older are able to register for vaccinations using the centralized BC Get Vaccinated website at:
 - a. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html>
 - b. It is a two step process – you register, and then they contact you to arrange an appointment.
3. CEV – Clinically Extremely Vulnerable: The Health Ministry will be sending letters to people in this category with information on how to get a vaccine from their Health Authority. All people served by CLBC are in this category. Some people have already received their letter and got their first vaccination.
 - a. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html> This BC Get Vaccinated Site can also be used for people who have the CEV letter.
4. People aged 55-65 are able to call a pharmacy and book a vaccination appointment.
 - a. The participating pharmacies are listed on the [BC Pharmacy Association](#) website. The list of pharmacies will be updated regularly.
5. **ONE MORE DAY: There is a Clinic limited to CLBC eligible individuals who live in Vancouver this Thursday and Friday.**

The spots will be allotted to those who book the fastest. There are **150** spots for Thursday and **250** spots for Friday (availability of Pfizer vaccines being the limiting factor, we were only allocated 400 for now).

UPDATE: There are still 80 spots available for tomorrow, Friday April 8, 2021.

The link for booking is imbedded in the VCHA letter attached to this email.

<https://vancouvercovid19vaccineclinic.janeapp.com>

People we support will need assistance from agency or family/friend support to book. We have had an opportunity to play with the booking system and it is very advantageous to create an account using a cell number or an email.

This clinic is for individuals in day programs, with supported living supports or living in shared living homes. Individuals in other services or living with families without service are eligible too and I would encourage you to send this note to families you know that can benefit from this opportunity.

Please let us know if you need assistance to book an appointment for tomorrow.

Vaccines for Staff and Caregivers

There are three ways that staff and caregivers have been getting their vaccines:

1. The health authorities have invited employees providing direct support to make appointments for vaccines. F
 - a. Fraser Health has provided an updated process for staff of CLBC funded services. The letter is linked here:
https://sscl.sharevision.ca/public/Files/COVID19/FH_Invitation_CLBC_contracted_staffCOVID-19Vaccine_08April2021.pdf
 - b. All staff working in CLBC funded services can get their vaccine with this process. Fraser Health asks that you say you are **working as a health care worker - Congregate settings staff and residents –group homes.**
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These vaccines help our bodies fight off a COVID-19 infection and reduce the risk of hospitalization and death, but they don't prevent getting COVID-19 or transmitting the infection to others. Please continue to follow the public health safety guidelines.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance.

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