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## Sunny Weekend Ahead – Stay Safe, Keep Your Distance

“Spending time outside is important for our physical and mental well-being. But we have to remember that while being outside with others is much lower risk than being inside, it is not without risk.

“Even if we are outside, we need to stay small and continue to use our layers of protection. This means keeping a safe distance and wearing masks, especially if someone is higher risk for serious illness.

“Be purposeful about who you are seeing and where you are going, and stick with the same close contacts.

“If you choose to see a close friend for brunch on a patio, then make sure it is the same friend every time. If you decide to have a barbecue in your backyard, then keep to your roommates or family only. Or, if you visit your neighbourhood park with another family, then make it with only one other family and do activities that allow everyone to keep a safe distance from each other.

“It is easy to look for loopholes, but rather let’s look for how we can keep each other safe.

“We need to stay local and stay in our neighbourhoods. We need to stay outside and with our same close friends. So let’s all do our part this weekend so we can stop the spread and put COVID-19 behind us.”

[From Today’s Provincial Update](#)



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## Fraser Health / CLBC Update for Staff and Caregiver Vaccinations:

I'm hearing reports about agency staff having significant difficult booking vaccination appointments, or receiving vaccinations once they get to the site. This email is to provide some strategies for agencies to help them overcome these obstacles while we continue to work on these issues systemically.

### If a direct staff has difficulty booking a vaccination appointment:

- Staff and Caregivers should make sure to identify as a Health Care worker in Congregate settings
- If they are unsuccessful, wait a day and call a second time. This has worked in nearly all situations.

### If direct staff have difficulty at a community vaccination site:

- Staff should bring a copy of the linked letter to the vaccination site:  
[https://sscl.sharevision.ca/public/Files/COVID19/FH\\_Invitation\\_CLBC\\_contracted\\_staffCOVID-19Vaccine\\_08April2021.pdf](https://sscl.sharevision.ca/public/Files/COVID19/FH_Invitation_CLBC_contracted_staffCOVID-19Vaccine_08April2021.pdf)
- In some situations agencies have provided a supplementary letter to staff to further confirm the type of work that they do, which has seemed to help
- Agencies should advise myself and Rod Macdonald if there are sites where staff have repeated issues so that we can follow up with that specific site.

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## Vancouver Coastal Health Instructions for staff and caregivers:

The **contracted caregivers** in Vancouver are now eligible to book for their vaccine using the link below ( it is advised that people create an account on the Jane App and keep refreshing for when appointments open...it does happen at any time in the day)

<https://vancouvercovid19vaccineclinic.janeapp.com/locations/vancouver-community-college-parking-lot/book#discipline/1/treatment/1>

Anyone who provides paid home support/care aid support for CLBC supported individual (s) is eligible in the Health Care Worker stream in Vancouver.

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## Staying Strong, Getting Stronger

One of the members of Citizen Network Learning Disability England has shared a film from their Annual conference: [One Year On: Our experiences and stories from the last year](https://citizen-network.org/resources/staying-strong-getting-stronger.html) showcases the many creative things the learning disability community have done together during the pandemic. <https://citizen-network.org/resources/staying-strong-getting-stronger.html>

EB: It was interesting to hear all the ways that people coped and learned over the past year, and to hear all the different accents 😊

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## New restrictions: what we're watching

- Increased variants of concern**  
Cases of faster-spreading variants are on the rise. They cause more serious illness — especially in young people.
- Indoor transmission**  
Most new cases are linked to indoor social gatherings that lead to exposures in other settings.
- Vaccine impact takes time**  
More people are getting vaccinated, but it will take more time before everyone is protected.
- Rapid increase of cases & hospitalization for ages 20-39**  
More young people are getting the virus and it is making them sicker than before.
- Travel between communities**  
People are taking the virus with them to other communities — or bringing it home.

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