

Subject: COVID-19 Updates - August 3, 2021 - More Vaccination Options

Walk-In Clinics – No Appointment Necessary!



On Wednesday, August 4, all clinics are offering walk-in doses.

You don't need to register online or phone before you arrive.

Dose 1 eligibility: All people aged 12+

Dose 2 eligibility: All people vaccinated before June 16

Bring photo ID to the clinic. You'll get either Pfizer or Moderna.

If you're getting dose 2, you're encouraged to also bring your [immunization record card](#).

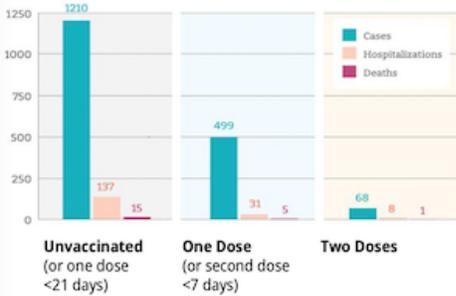
The VaxForBC website has a list of all the locations in the Lower Mainland and their hours of operation:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/vaxforbc> .

A Graphic on The effectiveness of vaccines:

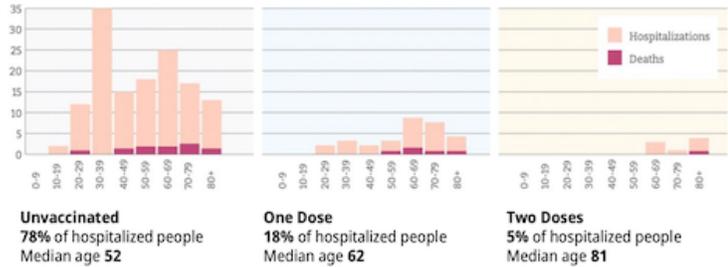
Getting Vaccinated Makes a Difference Cases & Severe Outcomes (June 15 – July 15, 2021)

Cases & severe outcomes by vaccination status



Age distribution of severe outcomes by vaccination status

Among 176 total people hospitalized



Less than 5% of COVID-19 cases are among fully vaccinated people.
Unvaccinated people are at significantly greater risk of severe outcomes.
Getting vaccinated protects yourself, your older loved ones and your community.

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CLBC Update



CLBC update on B.C.'s Restart Plan

Dear individuals, family members and home sharing providers –
After nearly a year and a half of making pandemic sacrifices, we are now seeing much lower numbers of COVID-19 thanks to vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccinations are very effective in reducing transmission. Thanks to steady progress in vaccination coverage, we were able to move to Step 3 of the Restart Plan in July.

What you can now do in Step 3

When we moved to Step 3 some restrictions were lifted and individuals, families and home sharing providers can now do more. For example, more people can get together again. And you can do more in your community. People can go back to church, to a restaurant or to the fitness club. More people can go back to work.

But please remember, everyone must continue to stay home if they feel sick. And masks are still recommended for indoor public places if you are not fully vaccinated.

[To see the things you can do in Step 3, visit the Restart Plan web page here.](#)

Preparing for fully re-opening programs and services in Step 4

When we moved to Step 3, CLBC asked all of our service providers to begin planning toward Step 4, and ensuring they are prepared to fully reopen all of their programs and services by the target date of September 7. [You can read our message to service providers here.](#)

We know that individuals, family caregivers and home sharing providers are eager for services such as community inclusion to be fully restored as soon as possible. Many people have missed attending these programs, and many caregivers have taken on extra duties while waiting for this to happen.

Let's all work together to get there

The work that is required by service providers to adjust and restart activities will have to take into account a number of issues. For example, some agencies may face challenges finding enough staff to reopen their day programs to full capacity. It has always been challenging to recruit and retain qualified workers and the pressures that everyone has experienced because

of COVID are likely to make staff recruitment more challenging than ever.

We also know that individuals, families, home sharing providers and staff will have different comfort levels about returning to previous activities. For example, although most of the staff that work in our sector and the majority of individuals that we support have received at least one vaccination shot; there are still a number of people who remain concerned about returning to things the way they were before the COVID pandemic. Time passing should help alleviate this, but the effects of these concerns may result in some programs and services being slower to getting back to full capacity.

That's why we have asked service providers to consult with individuals, families and support workers as they make careful plans to move beyond the pandemic.

We know that after a very hard year most people want to urgently return to what they have missed. CLBC will do all we can to support service providers to be ready in Step 4. But as we have had to do for each previous stage of the pandemic, we are breaking new ground and we ask everyone to be patient and kind. If there are concerns, talk to your service providers – we know they will do their best to respond to your situation.

To help us re-open, encourage everyone to get their shots

We are at a critical stage of our battle against COVID. To reach Step 4, and to prevent another outbreak, as many people as possible must get their shots.

That's why at the request of Dr. Bonnie Henry's team, CLBC launched [a You Can Too! communications campaign at this web site](#) with short video messages from Dr. Henry and self advocate leaders encouraging everyone with a disability who can do it to get their two shots.

If you are still unsure, [listen to special message from Dr. Bonnie Henry](#), and listen to self advocates explain:

- [How I decided to get my shot](#)
- [What it's like going to a vaccine clinic](#)

- [What I can do now that I am protected](#)

When everyone gets their two shots, they protect themselves, their loved ones and those who support them. And they will help us take our next step to re-open in Step 4.

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Thanks to this pandemic, I have a much deeper appreciation for the resilience of individuals we serve and those who support them. We cannot end COVID soon enough. I thank everyone for doing their best to follow guidelines, get their shots, and work together to achieve our goal.

Sincerely,

Ross Chilton

CEO, Community Living BC