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## Three Vaccines Now Approved in Canada

The COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved by Health Canada are safe, effective and will save lives. To date, three vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.

- Learn about the [Pfizer vaccine](#)
- Learn about the [Moderna vaccine](#)
- Learn about the [AstraZeneca vaccine](#)



## CLBC - Helping Others Feel Confident about the Vaccines

The start of 2021 has brought positive news, with the provincial government announcing its plans to provide COVID-19 vaccines to British Columbians over the coming months. And while this is a welcome update, for some people there is anxiety about taking the vaccine.

To support the vaccination plan and help eliminate COVID, so that we can go back to being with friends and doing the things we love, CLBC has [created a new page on their website here](#) with information to

answer your questions and show vaccines are safe.

But we need help. Self advocates have been leaders in supporting each other through this pandemic. And now we need self advocates who have decided they want a vaccination to help us support others.

We are creating a short video to help people feel confident that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe to take and will protect people and communities. The video will feature selfies of people who are planning to take the vaccine, with messages about where to get vaccine information and how the vaccine will help us stop COVID.

**We are inviting you to take part in this video. If you would like to join CLBC in supporting the Provincial Health Officer’s vaccination plan, please follow these steps:**

1. On a piece of paper, write **one** of the following messages:
  - I will protect myself and others
  - Vaccines are safe
  - Vaccinations will beat COVID
  - I can’t wait to get mine!

Below the message, write your first name and the community where you live.

2. Take a photo of yourself holding up the piece of paper. For an example, you can see a picture of CLBC CEO Ross Chilton with his message at the bottom of this email.
3. Email your photo to [Christopher.Rae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christopher.Rae@gov.bc.ca)
4. Complete CLBC’s Consent Form for us to share your photo on our website and social media pages. [You can find it by clicking here](#), and it only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jessica.Humphrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jessica.Humphrey@gov.bc.ca).

## **Ready for My Shot!**

You can help our government clarify their priorities for vaccines by following some of the actions on the [Ready for My Shot! Website](#):



## What Can I Do?

1. Visit the website [ReadyForMyShot.ca](https://ReadyForMyShot.ca).
2. Sign up for email updates at [readyformyshot.ca/email-sign-up](https://readyformyshot.ca/email-sign-up).
3. Share our [campaign video](#).
4. Follow us on Twitter: [@ReadyForMyShot](https://twitter.com/ReadyForMyShot)
5. Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ReadyForMyShot/](https://facebook.com/ReadyForMyShot/)
6. Share our social media content with your followers.
7. Use the #ReadyForMyShot hashtag in your social media

The BC Government identifies priorities for people with disabilities in two ways:

- In Phase 2 – February and March – Vulnerable populations living and working in select congregated settings
- In Phase 3 – April through June – People who are clinically extremely vulnerable – and this detail in the description:
  - Adults with very significant developmental disabilities that increase risk.

We think government could make this clearer. As Gary says: I'm ready for my shot!





## **Social Story about Getting A COVID-19 Vaccination:**

Covid-19 is a disease caused by a virus that spreads easily and can make people very sick. The Covid-19 vaccine is a medicine that prevents you from getting Covid-19. Like most vaccines, the Covid-19 vaccine is given by shots using a needle. This social story can help you understand why it is important to get a Covid-19 vaccine and what you can expect.

<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/publications/documents/GettingACOVID19VaccineSocialStoryIDD-F.pdf>

## **Preparing to get a Vaccine and Informed Consent**

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) has a webpage with detailed information on how consent can be provided for people who cannot give informed consent for a vaccine.

<https://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/services-to-adults/Pages/InformedConsentandCOVID19Vaccine.aspx#1s>

## **Informed Consent and the COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs**

**[Who has the legal authority to provide consent to the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)**

**[How does the PGT decide whether to provide consent to the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)**

**[Is there a prescribed consent form that must be signed?](#)**

**[Does consent to the COVID-19 vaccine expire after 21 days?](#)**

**[Can a physician provide consent on behalf of an adult?](#)**

**[Can a paid caregiver provide consent on behalf of an adult?](#)**

Let us know if you have any questions or need assistance.

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