

Subject: COVID-19 Updates - March 18, 2021 - Vaccination Updates
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Fraser Health Invites staff who work in CLBC funded homes to get Vaccines

As part of B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan, Fraser Health is inviting **CLBC contracted staff who work in group homes where we are currently immunizing the residents** to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Please share information below with the eligible contracted staff. If you would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please review

1. Read the [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines HealthLinkBC File](#)
2. Use the online booking details below to book an appointment at an immunization clinic. Immunization clinic dates, times and locations are shown on the link below.
3. Please book as soon as possible
4. For the month of March please avoid booking in Burnaby locations.
5. Of note, the Surrey North location and the Abbotsford Ag Rec are currently offering same day appointments.
6. Also note that the category for which group you belong is "Health Care Worker".

Link for booking tool: [Fraser Health Booking Tool](https://fraserhealth.ca/vaccinebooking) (Fraserhealth.ca/vaccinebooking). [Please use Google or Microsoft edge; it is not supported on Microsoft explorer.](#)

After booking an appointment, you will receive a booking confirmation email. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your junk/spam folder. Please keep the confirmation email as it will be needed if you need to cancel the appointment. If cancelling, please cancel as far ahead of time as possible to allow others to get vaccinated.

You can learn more about [B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Strategy](#) on the [Government of British Columbia website](#).

[Fraser Health Invitation as PDF](#)

Thank you.

Vancouver Coastal Health Invites staff who work in CLBC funded homes

Dear Community Living BC Service Providers,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to implement the provincial COVID-19 immunization program. Vancouver Coastal Health is committed to vaccinating those most at risk of severe illness safely and efficiently.

We are happy to advise that we're now able to expand vaccination eligibility to staff at CLBC-funded group homes **who provide direct patient or client care**. Starting next week, we are inviting eligible staff from your group home to COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Please note: second doses will now be offered 16 weeks from the first dose based on provincial and national recommendations. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released [details of their recommendation](#) on this yesterday. Data from jurisdictions around the world shows that one dose of the vaccines provides a high level of protection, which lasts for many months. Administering first doses of vaccine to as many people as possible will protect the greatest number of people in the shortest timeframe. When it's time to receive your second dose, your staff will be invited to receive it just as they were for their first.

Staff should retain their paper record of immunization to bring back to the clinic with them at that time.

Eligibility requirements:

Appointments are available for nurses and community health workers (CHW) employed by your organization who provide direct, in-person, and hands-on care. This includes health care students.

At this time we are not offering vaccine to corporate, administrative, and other support staff who do not provide direct care. We are also not offering vaccine for family members of CLBC clients even if they live with or frequently visit their family member. If you book an appointment but are not eligible at this time, you will be turned away at the clinic.

Clinic details and booking links are below. Eligible staff should use the correct button to book appointments, marked as “Staff in community home support and nursing services for seniors.”

COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL CAMPUS

Blusson Spinal Cord Centre, 818 W. 10th Ave, Vancouver [BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

PROVIDENCE HEALTH CARE STAFF IMMUNIZATION CLINIC 1081 Burrard Street, Providence Level One, Conference Center [BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

VCH TRAVEL CLINIC

Broadway Plaza, Lower Level, Unit L5 601 West Broadway

[BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

PHSA STAFF IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

BC Children’s and BC Women’s Health Center Shaughnessy Auditorium

4500 Oak Street

[BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

RICHMOND HOSPITAL

5 North, 7000 Westminster Highway, Richmond [BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

NORTH VANCOUVER TEST COLLECTION SITE

ICBC Capilano Claims Centre, 255 Lloyd Ave., North Vancouver [BOOK AN APPOINTMENT HERE](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Anyone booking or arriving who is not eligible will be turned away.
- If you contracted and recovered from COVID-19 more than three months ago, you may now attend a clinic for your first dose of vaccine.
- If you contracted and recovered from COVID-19 within the past three months, you are not eligible for vaccine at this time. You will be immunized at a later date.
- Please do not attend the clinic if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if you have been asked by Public Health to self-isolate.
- Come alone, to assist with COVID-19 safety protocols. Physical distancing measures will be in place throughout, including while waiting in line.
- Bring your driver’s license (or another photo ID), Care Card, and Employee ID (if available) or a pay stub.

APPOINTMENTS ARE RELEASED ON A WEEK-TO-WEEK BASIS, AND MORE ARE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AS CAPACITY ALLOWS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SECURE AN APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY PLEASE CHECK BACK OFTEN.

Permanent Increase to Assistance Rates Helps People in Need

More than 300,000 British Columbians will benefit from the largest-ever permanent increase to income assistance and disability assistance rates and the first-ever increase to the senior’s supplement.

Starting with payments issued in April 2021, individuals on income assistance and disability assistance will automatically receive a permanent \$175 per month increase – the third increase in rates since July 2017.

“This past year has been challenging for everyone, and especially so for those British Columbians already relying on assistance to make ends meet,” said Nicholas Simons, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. “Now that we are seeing signs of some economic recovery from COVID-19, it’s essential we provide the stability of a permanent rate increase for people and families, including 49,000 children who live in poverty.”

As well, for the first time since it was introduced in 1987, there will be an increase to the senior’s supplement of \$50 per recipient. This raises the maximum rate for a single person from \$49.30 to \$99.30 per month, benefiting up to 20,000 more low-income seniors. It is the first increase to the supplement since 1987 and will support about 80,000 seniors.

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Front-line workers prioritized as COVID-19 vaccine rollout accelerates

More than 300,000 front-line workers, including first responders, grocery store employees, and teachers and child care workers, will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations over the coming weeks as the Province’s COVID-19 Immunization Plan moves forward ahead of schedule.

“We know how challenging this pandemic has been on our front-line workers,” said Premier John Horgan. “Many of these people have come to work throughout this

pandemic, continuing to teach and care for our children, stock the shelves of our local grocery store and keep our communities safe. By immunizing these front-line workers, we are making workplaces and communities throughout our province safer.”

Beginning in April, people in priority groups identified by public health and the COVID-19 Workplace Task Group will start to receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD (AZ/SII) vaccine. These groups include:

- first responders (police, firefighters, emergency transport);
- K-12 educational staff;
- child care staff;
- grocery store workers;
- postal workers;
- bylaw and quarantine officers;
- manufacturing workers;
- wholesale/warehousing employees;
- staff living in congregate housing at places such as ski hills;
- correctional facilities staff; and
- cross-border transport staff.

These priority groups have been identified as workers in places and sectors where:

- the use of personal protective equipment and barriers can be challenging;
- outbreaks and clusters have occurred or are ongoing;
- workers must live or work in congregate settings; or
- maintaining the workforce for a critical service is necessary.

“Our age-based rollout is ahead of schedule and with the AstraZeneca/SII supply arriving, we can protect people working in specific, front-line industries,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “Following the latest science and data to identify high-risk industries or critical services will allow us to protect even more people from COVID-19, which in turn, gives our entire communities and our province greater protection from the virus.”

Read more here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0021-000504>

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