

Subject: COVID-19 Updates - May 4, 2021 - Register at Get Vaccinated BC

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Register at Get Vaccinated BC

No matter where you got your first shot – as a healthcare worker, at a pharmacy or at home with a nurse – everyone should register at Get Vaccinated BC so that you can be notified when you are able to get your second vaccine shot.

In the [Monday, May 3rd Update](#), Dr. Henry provided an update on the vaccination program. In the months of May and June there are large deliveries of vaccine coming and every adult who wants a vaccine should have their first shot by the middle of June.

“The focus of the COVID-19 vaccine program is to protect as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, addressing hot spots and reducing overall transmission. Everyone in B.C. who is 18 years or older should register on the Get Vaccinated website or by calling 1 833 838-2323. Registration is required only once.

“Once you are registered, your dose will be reserved for you, and you will be notified when to book.

“We have reached a new, encouraging point in our pandemic response. Starting today, the available vaccine will be significantly increasing, and this is good news for all of us.

“Over the coming month, more than one million vaccine doses will be delivered to our province, with more anticipated for June, giving the vast majority of eligible people access to a vaccine before Canada Day.”

Register for your vaccine now: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>

Or call 1 833 838-2323.

To register online, you must provide:

- First and last name
- Date of birth
- Postal code
- Personal Health Number
- An email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages

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

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Remember Our layers of Protection

With high community spread (600 – 800 new cases per day), 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 the possibility of catching COVID-19 or spreading the infection to other people.**

The three priorities of the public health measures from the beginning of the pandemic have been:

1. Protecting the most vulnerable from getting COVID-19.
2. Protecting our health care system from being overwhelmed so that people who get sick or injured are able to get treatment when they need it.
3. Protect and support people who are impacted by the public health measures.

Over the past year we have seen people we support, our employees and their family members need to go to hospital for non-Covid related health concerns and we are grateful that the healthcare system was able to provide them with the care they needed.

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