

Subject: Covid-19 Updates - Nov 26, 2021 - More Vaccine Options
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Staying Safe and Healthy

Remember the basics for keeping everyone safe and healthy:

- Get Vaccinated
- Stay Home if you are sick.
- Masks required for indoor public places.
- Keep your distance.
- Outdoors always safer.



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Provincial Health Officer Expands Order to services funded by Community Living BC

The Provincial Health Officer has ordered that all employees of CLBC funded service providers be fully vaccinated by January 14, 2022. There are three key dates provided in the order:

December 3, 2021 – all employees must provide their vaccine status to their employer

December 10, 2021 – previously unvaccinated employees must have had their first shot and provide proof of vaccination.

January 14, 2022 – previously unvaccinated employees must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of

vaccination.

Spectrum cannot allow employees who do not comply with this order to work and will have to suspend without pay any employee who is not in compliance.

Under this Order, staff may request an exemption or deferral for a number of medical issues. To request an exemption, staff must have a doctor or nurse practitioner fill out a medical deferral which they must then send to the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. For more information on medical exemptions:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-exemption-guidelines-request-for-reconsideration.pdf>

The medical deferral form is here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/2371fil.pdf>

To be able to continue working after December 9th, 2021, you must ensure your exemption request has been submitted to the health officer. You and Spectrum will receive notice that the request has been submitted and is under consideration.

To get your first or second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, register on BC's Get Vaccinated site:

<https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/>

In the Vancouver Coastal Health region, there are vaccine clinics daily (Vancouver, Richmond, North Shore, Sunshine Coast):

<http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine#clinics>

In the Fraser Health region, you can find local vaccine clinics here (Burnaby, Coquitlam, Surrey, Langley):

[https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/registra\[on#.YZgBLi-95Y4](https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/registra[on#.YZgBLi-95Y4)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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More Vaccine Options – Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) Vaccine now available in BC

BC recently received a supply of the Janssen vaccine and is giving priority to healthcare workers and those workers covered by vaccine mandates. The Janssen vaccine is different from the other vaccines in that it only requires one shot instead of two shots to provide full vaccination.

To get the Janssen vaccine, call 1-833-838-2323 and say you would like to have the Janssen (Johnston and Johnston) vaccine. Say that you are a healthcare worker covered by the PHO Mandate. You will be put on a waitlist. There is a limited supply of the Janssen vaccine. Your local health authority will call you and get more information from you – including proof that you work for an employer under the PHO Vaccine Mandate (a paystub has been proof in the past).

One of Spectrum's employees recently followed this process and called on Monday the 22nd. He

received his Janssen vaccination on Thursday, the 25th.

Here is the Health Canada information on the Janssen Vaccine:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/janssen.html>

Take care and have a good weekend.

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