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COVID-19 booster vaccination registration instructions

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To: Executive Directors and Facility Medical Directors, ALL long-term care, assisted living and independent living facilities in Fraser Health region

From: Fraser Health COVID-19 Long-term Care, Assisted Living and Independent Living Coordination Centre

Please share this information with your health care workers as soon as possible.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations for health care workers

As announced in October 2021, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has directed Immunize BC to undertake a COVID-19 booster program to continue to offer the best protection to residents and tenants of our province. Booster eligibility is based on risk: including at-risk groups, age, interval between first and second dose, and time since second dose. Currently, booster shots are being offered to our most vulnerable populations, including those who are 70 years of age and older, Indigenous peoples who are 18 years of age and older, and populations that received their second dose on or before March 15, 2021 (including some health care workers).

Health care workers, including all staff and medical staff in long-term care, assisted living and independent living settings, **regardless of how they are funded**, are a priority for a booster shot. As this program moves forward, we need to be able to invite health care workers across the different parts of the health sector between now and the end of January 2022.

ACTION REQUIRED for ALL health care workers in long-term care, assisted living and independent living facilities:

To receive an invitation to get your booster dose, you must be registered in the Get Vaccinated system by completing the steps listed below under “**What you need to do**” as soon as possible. Once registered in the Get Vaccinated system, you will receive an invite when it's your time to book your booster dose appointment.

Please wait for your invite. Drop-ins for booster doses are not permitted. Invites will be sent out based on your eligibility.



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What you need to do

Starting immediately, all health care workers in all long-term care, assisted living and independent living settings can follow the link below to self-identify as a “health care worker.”

1. You will need to have ready the following information to complete your self-identification on the system:
 - PHN (*Personal Health Number, found on the back of your Driver's License or CareCard*)
 - Date of Birth
 - Date of a previous COVID-19 vaccine (either Dose 1 or Dose 2)
 - Target Population Access Code: **H3962N!**

Note: if you are not yet registered on the Get Vaccinated provincial website, you will be directed to a webpage to do so before you are able to complete this step.
2. Go to the *Get Vaccinated* provincial website for COVID-19 boosters, target populations here: <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/d3-target-self-identification>
3. After you have entered the information requested, you will be redirected to a second page to indicate which specific category you fall into. You need to self-identify as a “health care worker” in this category: **Category 1: Long Term Care/Assisted Living Staff, Physicians and Workers - includes everyone working on site in LTC and AL sites, including students.** You will be asked to certify that the information provided is accurate. If any of the information you enter does not match what is on file, you may be redirected to contact the call centre for assistance and to verify your information.
4. Once you complete these steps, you will be registered in the Get Vaccinated system and will be invited when it's your turn to book an appointment. Please wait for your invite rather than phoning the call centre. Drop-ins at clinics or pharmacies are not permitted for booster shots.

This self-identification link and access code are intended **only** for specific health care workers at this time. By choosing to self-identify through this service, you are acknowledging that you have received this code from your employer. This link and code are not transferrable. If the code is mis-used it will be cancelled and the ability to continue with the vaccination through this program may be compromised. Anyone booking an appointment who is not an eligible member of this group will be turned away at the clinic.

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What you need to know for your appointment:

- Anyone arriving who is not eligible will be turned away
- 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
- Please bring:
 - your driver's license or other photo ID
 - personal health number/BC Services Card, if you have one
 - Employee ID, badge or paystub, if you have one
- You will be provided with a medical mask and reminded to follow physical distancing guidelines while at the clinic
- After you receive your vaccination, please plan to stay on site for 15 minutes to ensure you experience no adverse effects

Visit the [B.C. Centre for Disease Control website](#) for information related to:

- Resources for health professionals
- Vaccine safety and effectiveness
- B.C.'s plan for vaccine distribution
- Vaccine approval process
- Overview of COVID-19 in B.C.