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I am pleased to provide you with an important update regarding the COVID-19 immunization plan for frontline workers. With a recent increase in vaccine supply coming into British Columbia, we are now moving forward with our immunization program for the frontline workers identified by our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry back in March.

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and will save lives. The more people in a community who are immunized and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread. I encourage all eligible frontline workers to take this opportunity. When you get vaccinated, you contribute to COVID-19 immunity in your community.

Please carefully review the following information before proceeding to book your appointment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Benusic

Medical Health Officer

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Registration Instructions

Starting at noon on Saturday, May 1 prioritized frontline staff working in the Island Health region who **have not already received their first vaccination** can register on the provincial vaccination system. Registration will not be available before May 1.

First Dose Registration and Booking:

1. [Click here](http://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline) to go to the provincial vaccination website for frontline workers
[www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline]
2. You will need the following information to complete your registration:
 - Full Name
 - PHN (*personal health number, found on the back of your Driver's License or CareCard*)
 - Date of Birth
 - Postal Code
 - Home Address
 - Email or cell phone to send booking invitation
 - Access Code*
3. The unique access code for your frontline worker group is: **40003745119**
4. Once you are registered you will receive an email or text notification with a link to proceed with booking an appointment

5. Click on the link provided and follow the booking instructions (vaccination appointments are available at specific COVID-19 Immunization Centres in the Island Health region).

This registration site is intended only for identified frontline workers.

By choosing to register through this service, you are acknowledging that you have received this code from your employer.

This letter, link and code are not transferrable. If the code is misused 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 priority group will be turned away at the clinic.

What you need to know for your appointment:

- Anyone arriving who is not eligible will be turned away
- This vaccine is recommended for those aged 18 and up
- 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 or with no more than one person if you need assistance.
- 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

Second Dose Booking

Once you are registered in the provincial immunization system you will be automatically notified when you are eligible for your second dose, which is up to 16 weeks after your first dose, as recommended by the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#). It is important that you retain the paper record of immunization to bring back to the clinic when it is time for your second dose.

FAQ:

I have already registered with the provincial system. Should I still follow this registration process?

You can choose to use this process or wait to be notified when your age cohort can make appointments.

I have already booked a vaccination appointment. Should I still follow this registration process?

You can choose to use this process to make an appointment. If you do make an appointment through the frontline worker process please call 1-833-838-2323 to cancel your other appointment.

I've already had my first dose of vaccine. Should I follow this process to book my second dose?

You do not need to take any action if you have already received your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. You will receive an email or text message when it is time to book your second dose.

Where do I go to be vaccinated?

Your appointment will be booked at an Island Health COVID-19 immunization clinic in your community.

What vaccine will I get?

Island Health's mass immunization clinics primarily provide the Pfizer vaccine. The AstraZeneca vaccine is provided at pharmacies, not Island Health clinics.

Will I be vaccinated sooner if I register this way?

This process provides prioritized access to frontline workers.

Do I have to register this way?

No. You can register in the regular provincial booking system and receive an appointment according to your age cohort.

More information:

Extensive information about the COVID-19 vaccines and B.C.'s immunization program can be found on the [BC Centre for Disease Control website \(www.bccdc.ca\)](http://www.bccdc.ca)

As a reminder, [Provincial Health Officer orders](#) remain in place for everyone, even those who have received the vaccine.

Frontline Workers Registration & Booking Tip Sheet

Helpful tips when registering and booking your first dose:

- 1. Visit the special provincial Frontline Workers vaccination website.** If you have not yet received your first dose and do not have an appointment booked, then we encourage you to register as a Frontline Worker so you are eligible to book now. Register using the special link:

[\[https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline\]](https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline)

Quick Tips:

- This is a special link therefore do not use the *British Columbian citizen's link* to register.
- If you have already booked an appointment using the *British Columbian citizen's link* and wish to re-register now using your frontline worker's code, you will need to cancel your existing appointment and rebook as a Frontline worker. Follow the instructions in your appointment confirmation email to cancel your old appointment.
- The Frontline Workers vaccination website is not compatible with Internet Explorer.
- If clicking the registration link above does not work, try copying and pasting the link into your browser.

- 2. Follow the registration instructions.** Use your frontline worker group's code when registering: [See Code from Employer](#)

Quick Tips:

- If you copy and paste the code into the field remember to delete any additional spaces so the code works!
- Do not circulate this code to friends/family otherwise the code will be discontinued.

- 3. Once you are registered, you can book!** You will receive an email or text notification with a link to book. Follow instructions to book at specific COVID-19 Immunization Centres in your health region.

Quick Tips:

- You do not need to register for your second dose, you will be automatically notified when you are eligible for your second dose which is up to 16 weeks following your first dose.

- 4. Please bring the following with you to your appointment:**

- Driver's license (or other photo ID)
- personal health number/BC Services Card, if you have one
- Employee ID, badge or paystub

Helpful Resources:

- If you require assistance when booking, please call the Get Vaccinated Call Centre on 1-833-838-2323. Identify yourself to the agent as a frontline worker and quote the code provided by your employer so that the call centre can book you into a regular clinic.
- Information about the COVID-19 vaccines can be found on the [HealthLink BC website](#).
- COVID-19 vaccines approved by [Health Canada](#) are safe, effective and will save lives.

- [Provincial Health Officer orders](#) remain in place, even for those who are already vaccinated.

5. The following is the eligibility criteria for people at your organization:

- Born in 2003 or earlier (provincial plan being developed for those born after 2003, check <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register> for more details)
- During work, regularly interact with the public and/or unable to maintain distancing from co-workers (eg. those working purely in a corporate/office setting are not eligible for prioritized vaccination, will be eligible through age-based roll-out, register at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>)