


Registration for Booster Doses – November 3, 2021

This week Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry shared updates to a few existing Orders and she announced that the new Orders requiring full vaccination for regulated health professionals and visitors to acute care sites are coming. As soon as these Orders are released, we will provide more information and clarity.

Dr. Henry also provided additional context this week on booster doses for the public and healthcare workers as a follow up to her announcement about boosters on Oct. 26. Seniors 70+ and Indigenous people 18+ are among the first to be scheduled, also health care workers and medical staff who received their first two doses on a shortened schedule (less than 42 days between doses 1 and 2) are being prioritized.



Register Online
It takes less than 2 minutes

You need to provide an email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages.

[Register now](#)

All primary care providers, healthcare workers, and their patients [must be registered](#) in B.C.'s Get Vaccinated registration system in order to receive a booster dose.

- If you were immunized before May, 2021, please confirm you are registered:
 - Have your Personal Health Number (PHN) handy
 - Go to www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca and click on 'Register Now' (**OR** register by phone: 1-833-838-2323)
 - Walk through the process (name, date-of-birth, PHN, postal code, and contact email/phone number)
 - When finished, you will get confirmation that you are now registered (**OR** confirmation that you are already registered).
- After registering you will be notified by email, text, or phone call when it's your turn to book an appointment.
- A booster dose is not required to be considered fully vaccinated under the BC Vaccine Card program or the vaccine mandate for health care workers.

All booster doses will be mRNA vaccines approved in Canada. People will receive either the Moderna or Pfizer (mRNA) vaccine for their booster dose as these vaccines are interchangeable. If you received AstraZeneca for your first or second dose, you will receive Moderna or Pfizer for your booster.

The Order requiring masks be worn in indoor public spaces has been extended and will remain in place, "until we determine we are at a place where the risk of spreading COVID-19 has been significantly reduced." The Order also clarifies expectations at gatherings and events – and while not specified in the Order, Dr. Henry highlighted the importance of wearing masks during faith services, as transmission has occurred during those gatherings.

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Island Health Region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 2nd Dose To Date
1,385,944	92.2%	92.0%	88.1%

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

[BCCDC Respect Personal Space Clinic Poster](#)

This poster communicates giving enough space between you and others so everyone feels comfortable.

[BCCDC Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Community Immunization Clinics](#)

This guidance outlines the infection prevention and control measures required for the set-up and safe operation of immunization clinics in community settings (e.g., community pharmacies, public health units, schools, community centres, arenas).

[BCCDC Guidance on Environmental Cleaning and Disinfectants for Health-care and Clinic Settings](#)

Environmental cleaning for the COVID-19 virus is the same as for other common viruses. Cleaning products and disinfectants that are regularly used in hospitals and health-care settings are strong enough to deactivate coronaviruses and prevent their spread. Cleaning of visibly soiled surfaces followed by disinfection is recommended for the prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses.

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LINKS, RESOURCES & FAQs

BCCDC Resources:

- [New Today](#): This section of the website highlights the latest guidance documents and updates to the website for health professionals.
- [About the vaccines](#)
- [Resources for Health Professionals](#)
- [Reporting adverse events](#)

Doctors of BC:

- [Info for doctors getting or giving the vaccine](#)
- [Updated toolkit for doctors' offices](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

- [ImmunizeBC FAQ](#)