

EXTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: Community health service partners working with our underserved populations

FROM: Matt Herman, Director Priority Populations Immunization, Pandemic Planning
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RE: Update to Eligibility and Registration for the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

There is an update to the eligibility and registration for the COVID-19 vaccine booster for people living in congregate shelter settings, transition houses or experiencing homelessness; as well as for health service staff that work within our supportive housing system. The updated processes allow clients and staff to access their booster ahead of the general population.

Please review the updated provincial information on the BCCDC website for COVID 19 [Vaccine Registration and Eligibility](#).

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All health care workers (HCW) who are not employed by Island Health can self-identify as a non-health authority health care worker to receive an optional booster dose. This includes staff that interact with clients at the shelters, transition houses and congregate living supportive housing sites.

To self-identify:

- If you haven't registered in *ImmsBC*, please do that first by visiting <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/> or by calling 1-833-838-2323 (toll free).
- Use the provincial site <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/d3-target-self-identification>.
- Enter the code **H3962N!** when prompted for a 'validation code from employer'.
- *ImmsBC* will send you a notification to book an appointment when the Province determines that you are eligible. This will occur at least six months after receiving your second vaccination; currently anticipated between six and eight months.

Please do not share this code! This registration site is operating on the honour system and we trust that only the partners we share it with are registering themselves.

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Clients who access COVID vaccination through on-site outreach can continue to do so for their boosters. Community-specific plans are shared locally and outreach teams will offer the booster doses alongside offering the first and second doses as applicable. The outreach teams in Victoria and Nanaimo have already started to include booster doses. Gift cards are offered to clients to support vaccine uptake.

For any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Matt Herman at 250-370-8699 x18716 or Megan Klammer at 250-588-7549.
