

COVID-19 Immunization Plan*

Government of BC ([COVID-19 Immunization Plan - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/covid-19/immunization))
Vancouver Coastal Health ([COVID-19 vaccines - Vancouver Coastal Health \(vch.ca\)](https://www.vch.ca/covid-19/vaccines))

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COVID-19 vaccines are free for everyone eligible to receive them who live in B.C.

Immunization Schedule if age 80+ born before 1942 ():

Seniors, Indigenous peoples and people who live and work in independent living will be immunized from March to mid-April.

Appointments

Please see this website [Vaccine appointments for seniors - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/covid-19/immunization) for most details on when to call, where to call, what to bring, and what to expect.

When to Call

Call centre are accessible 7 days a week; 7 am to 7 pm (PST/PDT). Phone lines may be busy – best to call in the late afternoon or evening – appointments are available after 12 noon.

Appointments are now made for the following regions and age groups:

Vancouver, North Vancouver, Richmond, and West Vancouver:

- **age 79+** born in 1942 or earlier - **Saturday, March 20**
- **age 78+** born in 1943 or earlier - **Monday March 22**
- **age 77+** born in 1944 or earlier - **Tuesday, March 23**
- **age 76+** born in 1945 or earlier - **Thursday, March 25**
- **age 75+** born in 1946 or earlier - **Saturday, March 27**

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* Some of the text in this report have been extracted verbatim from the websites cited

Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Whistler, Squamish, Pemberton, Bowen Island

- age 80+ born in 1941 or earlier - **call now**
- age 70+ born in 1951 or earlier - **Saturday, March 20**

Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)

- age 65+ born in 1956 or earlier - **call now**
- age 55+ born in 1966 or earlier - **call starting Saturday, March 20**

Where to Call

- Fraser Health 1-855-755-2455 or [Book online; Fraser Health clinic locations](#)
- Interior Health 1-877-740-7747 or [Interior Health clinic locations](#)
- Island Health 1-833-348-4787 or [Island Health clinic locations and call-in schedule](#)
- Northern Health 1-844-255-7555 or [Northern Health clinic locations and call-in schedule](#)
- Vancouver Coastal Health 1-877-587-5767 or [Vancouver Coastal Health clinic locations and call-in schedule](#)

What to Expect

When Making the Appointment

When you call your health authority, you'll be asked for your name, date of birth, postal code, and Personal Health Number (PHN). You can find your PHN on the back of your B.C. driver's licence, BC Services Card or CareCard. If you do not have a PHN, you can still receive the vaccine.

For contact information, you will be asked also for an email address that you check regularly or phone number that can receive text messages.

You will not be asked for your SIN, driver's licence number or banking and credit card details.

At the Vaccine Clinic You Will

- Complete a check-in process
- Get your vaccine dose
- Wait in an observation area for about 15 minutes

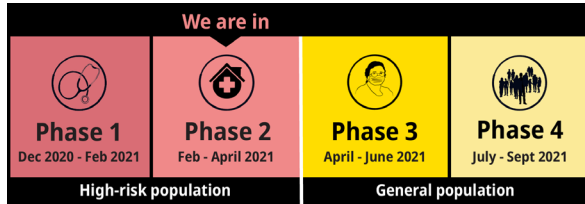
You can expect to be at the clinic for 30 to 60 minutes in total.

You must wear a face mask, and all clinics are wheelchair accessible.

You might find it more comfortable and helpful to wear a short-sleeved shirt and arrive a few minutes before your scheduled appointment time.

You can bring one person with you for support.

Anticipated Schedule for Immunization Phases 3 and 4



[Provincial Health Officer \(PHO\) orders](#) and guidelines remain in place for everyone, regardless of the vaccine.

In April, vaccines will be distributed in five-year age groups, starting from age 79 to 75. Monthly breakdowns for the first dose (D1) and second dose (D2) might change based on vaccine availability.

Phase 3 Timeline: April to June 2021

- People aged 79 to 60, in five year increments:
 - 79 to 75 (D1 April, D2 May)
 - 74 to 70 (D1 April/May, D2 May/June)
 - 69 to 65 (D1 May/June, D2 June/July)
 - 64 to 60 (D1 June, D2 July)
- People aged 69 to 16 who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) (D1 and D2 April/June)

Phase 4 Timeline: July to September 2021

- People aged 59 to 18 in five year increments:
 - 59 to 55
 - 54 to 50
 - 49 to 45
 - 44 to 40 } D1 July, D2 August
- 39 to 35 (D1 July/August, D2 August/September)
- 34 to 30 (D1 August, D2 September)
- 29 to 25 (D1 August/September, D2 September)
- 24 to 18 (D1 and D2 September)



Phase 3 and 4 immunizations of people born in 1942 or later, Indigenous peoples born in 1957 or later will register later this month through *HealthConnect*, an online registration system, or by phone, and be contacted to book a vaccine appointment. Registration opens late March 2021. No action is required before the registration system is launched.

General Information Websites on Vaccines and COVID-19

Vaccines

[BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#)

COVID -19

B.C. Daily Regional Reports:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

B.C. Centre for Disease Control on COVID Variants:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data#COVID-19Dashboard>

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/variants>

U.S, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant.html>