

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

JANUARY 29 Vaccination Clinics in Vancouver's Inner City

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To: Inner City Clinics and Service Providers

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Although we are facing a short-term delay of vaccines to British Columbia, Vancouver Coastal Health is working closely with the province to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to our priority populations as quickly and safely as possible.

For Friday, Jan. 29, we are scaling up our COVID-19 vaccination clinics in key locations in the Vancouver inner city. With the dual public health emergencies of the pandemic and the overdose crisis, this community is especially vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19. We have seen clusters of COVID-19 cases in congregate settings such as shelters and SROs, and there is a higher risk of onward transmission in housing situations where physically distancing is more difficult.

We are now moving beyond our initial site-by-site approach and providing broader access via temporary vaccination clinics at key locations, aiming to reach eligible people based on the following criteria:

- **Those who are homeless**
- **Residents of shelters**
- **Resident of SROs**
- **Residents of supported housing**

We are requesting that you send patients, clients and community members who meet the above eligibility criteria to one of the 4 clinics below. All clinics will operate on a drop in basis. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we coordinate clinics and invite those eligible to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

For Friday, Jan. 29, residents of the Vancouver inner city who meet the above criteria are invited to present to the following sites.

- Carnegie Centre 401 Main St., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Pender Community Health Centre, 59 West Pender St. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Downtown Community Health Centre, 569 Powell St 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Union Gospel Mission, 601 East Hastings 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

KEY MESSAGES:

- We are prioritizing individuals who meet the criteria above; at these clinics we are unable to provide vaccinations for inner-city staff who do not live in the categories of housing identified above.

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- Individuals who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 more than three months ago are now eligible attend a clinic for your first dose of vaccine.
- Individuals contracted and recovered from COVID-19 within the past three months, are not eligible for vaccine at this time and will be immunized at a later date.
- Clinics will operate in keeping with with COVID-19 safety protocols. Physical distancing measures will be in place throughout, including while waiting in line.
- Individuals will be provided with a medical mask and reminded to maintain physical distancing guidelines while at the clinic. After receiving their vaccination, they to stay on site for 15 minutes to ensure you experience no adverse effects, such as an allergic reaction.

Important reminder: Provincial orders and guidelines for COVID risk mitigation (wearing masks, distancing) remain in place for everyone, even if those who have received the vaccine.