COVID-19 immunization of seniors 80 years of age and older and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) people 65 years of age and older

Information for community partners

March 1, 2021

COVID-19 vaccines are saving lives, keeping people healthy and helping to curb the worldwide pandemic. Everyone who is recommended to receive the vaccine in B.C. will have the opportunity to be immunized by the end of 2021.

Right now, we are in Phase 2 of the B.C. vaccine rollout plan, and people 80 years of age and older and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and older are eligible to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose.

VCH vaccine appointment booking phone line

COVID-19 vaccination clinics will open to seniors across VCH communities on Monday, March 15. Seniors will be invited to book appointments by age group, starting on March 8.

To facilitate access to as many eligible residents as possible, the following residents who live in these communities are invited to call the appointment phone line 1-877-587-5767 as follows:

Seniors in Richmond, Vancouver, North Vancouver and West Vancouver

- Seniors 90 years of age and older, and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and older: Starting Monday, March 8

- Seniors 85 years of age and older, and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and older: Starting Monday, March 15

- Seniors 80 years of age and older, and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and older: Starting Monday, March 22
Seniors in the Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton

- Seniors 80 years of age and older, and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and older: **Starting Monday, March 8**

**How to prepare for your call**

Before calling the phone line, residents are asked to have a pen and paper, their personal health number, full name, date of birth, postal code and a phone number available.

VCH advises residents that this service is for first dose vaccine appointment bookings, and is only available for people 80 years of age and over, and Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 65 years of age and over at this time.

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**Appointment bookings:** Call the VCH vaccine appointment booking line at **1-877-587-5767** based on your age group. The phone line will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Info on VCH vaccination clinics:** Visit [www.vch.ca](http://www.vch.ca)

**Clinical questions:** Please speak with your family physician, nurse practitioner or call 811.

**Questions about COVID-19:** Call 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319) or visit [www.gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/covid19)