

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

First dose of COVID-19 vaccine available for youth aged 12–17

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To: Families in the Vancouver Coastal Health region

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중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) continues to follow the Provincial COVID-19 Immunization Plan.

Drop-in appointments are available this week and next for 12- to 17-year-olds (people born between 2004 and 2009) in the VCH region to receive their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, approved last month by Health Canada for this age group.

Britannia Community Centre – Gym D

1661 Napier St., Vancouver

Friday, June 11: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ray-Cam Community Centre

920 East Hastings St., Vancouver

Saturday, June 12: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunset Community Centre

6810 Main St., Vancouver

Wednesday, June 16: noon – 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 17: noon – 4 p.m.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLINIC:

- 12- to 17-year-olds and their families are welcome to drop in at the times listed above
- You may be required to wait in line, please allow extra time
 - Please bring:
 - Government issued photo ID

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- Personal Health Number/BC Services Card, **if you have one**
- Please do not attend the clinic if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if you have been asked by Public Health to self-isolate.
- Wear short sleeves and a mask.
- After you receive your vaccination, please plan to stay on site for 15 minutes to ensure you experience no adverse effects, such as an allergic reaction.

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND

COVID-19 vaccines are saving lives, keeping people healthy and helping us get back to our usual activities. Vaccination is now available for everyone in the VCH region aged 12 and older (born in 2009 or earlier) and it's important for everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. If you cannot attend one of these clinics, please register and book an appointment through the provincial Get Vaccinated system at www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated or by calling 1-833-838-2323.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this vaccine safe?

Safety and efficacy of Pfizer vaccine has been assessed in all ages, including children 12-17 years of age.

How much will the vaccine cost?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free for everyone in B.C.

Do adolescents aged 12 – 17 require parental consent to receive vaccine?

No. Under B.C.'s *Infants Act*, children may consent to a medical treatment on their own as long as the health care provider is sure that the treatment is in the child's best interest, and that the child understands the details of the treatment, including risks and benefits.

Why is it important to get vaccinated?

If a majority of British Columbians get the COVID-19 vaccine, this will reduce transmission and help us get back to our usual activities.

Once I've been vaccinated do I still have to follow public health orders?

Until herd immunity is reached, we all need to continue to protect each other by following public health orders and:

- Washing our hands
- Staying home when sick
- Staying physically distant from people we don't know
- Wearing a mask in public indoor spaces

When will I get my second dose?

Following provincial and national [recommendations](#), we are currently offering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine eight - 16 weeks after the first dose.