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Subject: COVID-19 Vaccination – Metro Vancouver Priority

Dear Staff,

A few weeks ago, I noted in a message to all of you that I felt it was critical that our staff be included as a priority group for vaccinations, due to the essential services we provide. I also noted that we were actively working with key decision-makers in our province regarding this.

Today, I'm very happy to announce that **Metro Vancouver staff have now been prioritized for vaccination, as part of the front-line workers priority group.**

We have received official notification from HEMBC/Fraser Health that Metro Vancouver staff ages 18+ may now immediately register and book their first dose vaccination as a priority group of "Frontline Staff" working in Public Works. We have also been informed that the same code and instructions will also apply to Vancouver Coastal Health. At this time, we are interpreting that this definition of "Public Works workers" as part of the "Frontline staff" priority group includes all Metro Vancouver staff.

If you haven't already received your vaccination, I strongly encourage you to follow the instructions below to book. As per Fraser Health's instructions, **please note that this invitation is only for MV staff and it is not to be shared further with others** (this includes family members and MV contractors).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill Duvall, Director, Corporate Safety, or a member of his team.

Our work is essential and the foundation of so much of this region. I'm gratified that the criticality of the work you all do has been recognized through this important development.

Together we make our region strong.

Stay well,

Jerry

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, P.Eng., MBA
Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer



Instructions from Fraser Health (also applies for Vancouver Coastal Health) for Priority Vaccination Booking:

Instructions for Frontline Staff

Staff working in public works, **who have not already received their first vaccination**, can register on the Provincial vaccination system by following the instructions outlined below:

First Dose Registration and Booking

1. Visit the provincial vaccination website **[please note you will need to use Chrome or Firefox for this link to work as required]**: <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/?variant=frontline>
2. Follow the registration instructions. Employees will need the following information:
 - Full Name
 - PHN
 - Date of Birth
 - Postal Code
 - Home Address
 - Email or cell phone to send booking invitation
 - Access Code*
3. For your frontline worker group the access code is: **20006429216**
4. Once you are registered, you will receive an email or text notification with a link to proceed with booking an appointment
5. Click on the link provided and follow the booking instructions (vaccination appointments are available at specific COVID-19 Immunization Centres in the Fraser Health region)

This registration site is intended only for identified frontline workers. By choosing to register through this service, you are acknowledging that you have received this code from your employer. This letter, link and code are not transferrable. If the code is misused, it will be cancelled and the ability to continue with the vaccination through this program may be compromised. Anyone booking an appointment who is not an eligible member of this priority group will be turned away at the clinic.

What you need to know for your appointment:

- Anyone arriving who is not eligible will be turned away
- This vaccine is recommended for those aged 18 and up
- 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
- Come alone, to assist with COVID-19 safety protocols, or with no more than one person if you need assistance
- Please bring:
 - your driver's license (or other photo ID)
 - personal health number/BC Services Card, if you have one
 - Employee ID, badge or paystub
- You will be provided with a medical mask and reminded to maintain physical distancing guidelines while at the clinic
- 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

Second Dose Booking

Once you are registered in the provincial immunization system, you will be automatically notified when you are eligible for your second dose which is up to 16 weeks following your first dose as recommended by the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#). It is important that you retain the paper record of immunization to bring back to the clinic when it is time for your second dose.

Questions?

Information about the COVID-19 vaccines can be found on the [HealthLink BC website](#).

The COVID-19 vaccines that have been [approved by Health Canada](#) are safe, effective and will save lives. Vaccines do more than protect the people getting vaccinated, they also protect everyone around them. The more people in a community who are immunized and protected from COVID-19, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread.

We encourage all eligible frontline workers to take this opportunity. When you get vaccinated, you are all are doing your part to contribute to COVID-19 immunity in our communities.

As a reminder, [Provincial Health Officer orders](#) remain in place for everyone, even those who have received the vaccine.