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Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 vaccination clinic locations now listed

Vancouver, B.C. – Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is pleased to announce that the locations of its COVID-19 vaccination clinics for phase 2 of the B.C. Immunization Plan are posted at vch.ca.

For phase 2 of the B.C. Immunization plan, VCH has identified 25 COVID-19 vaccination clinics to serve residents 80 years of age and older, Indigenous peoples 65 years of age and older and Elders.

VCH COVID-19 vaccination clinic sites will be located across Vancouver, Richmond, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton. The clinic locations will be held at community centres, friendship centres, seniors centres, cultural centres and other regional sites.

On Monday, March 15, the COVID-19 vaccination clinics will open to eligible seniors by age group. Most vaccination clinics will be open seven days a week, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., with evening appointments available at some locations. Dedicated sites have also been established for Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit), which will offer services that are culturally safe, with ceremonial plans in place.

Starting Monday, March 8, the following first group of seniors and Indigenous peoples are invited to call VCH's appointment booking phone line at **1.877.587.5767**:

- Seniors **born in 1931 or earlier (90 years of age and older)** who live in **Richmond, Vancouver, North Vancouver and West Vancouver**.
- Seniors **born in 1941 or earlier (80 years of age and older)** who live on the **Sunshine Coast, or in Powell River, Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton**.
- **Indigenous peoples** (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) **born in 1956 or earlier (65 years of age and older)** and Elders.

To prepare for your call, please have available a pen and paper, personal health number, full name, date of birth, postal code and phone number.

VCH is appealing to family members, friends, neighbours and social services agencies to help reach eligible seniors in the community. Please share the COVID-19 vaccination information with people 80 years of age and older, or Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) 65 years of age and older along with Elders, to help them plan ahead for when the appointment booking phone line opens, according to age group.

VCH advises that this service is for first dose vaccine appointment bookings, and is only available for seniors 80 years of age and older, Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) peoples 65 years of age and older and Elders at this time, according to age group. Visit vch.ca to learn more about VCH's COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is responsible for the delivery of \$4.1 billion in community, hospital and long-term care to more than one million people in communities including Richmond, Vancouver, the North Shore, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky corridor, Powell River, Bella Bella and Bella Coola. VCH also provides specialized care and services for people throughout B.C., and is the province's hub of health-care education and research.

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