

Island Health held a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Lasqueti Island this spring. Our immunization teams will return in the coming weeks to host another clinic and provide first or second doses to those who need them. It is important that everyone on Lasqueti Island be registered in the provincial 'Get Vaccinated' system in order to make an appointment at that clinic.

The province-wide system launched in Island Health on April 6. This system automatically notifies people when it is time for their next dose of COVID-19 vaccine and connects them to the appointment booking system. While everyone's vaccination information is safely stored in their medical records, the contact information of anyone who got their shot before April 6 may not be in the Get Vaccinated notification system. Without that you may not receive a notification to make an appointment.

Anyone who got their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine on or before April 6 should register in the provincial system as soon as possible. This applies to everyone who was immunized at a Lasqueti Island clinic date prior to April 6, at a community pharmacy or at a large immunization clinic in another community.

Registering ensures that your contact information is available so you can be reached by email, text or phone call when it is time to make your appointment. This is important no matter where you will receive your next shot – at a whole-community clinic, pharmacy or mass immunization site.

Community members who haven't had their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be able to get their first shot at the second-dose clinic on Lasqueti Island or, if they prefer, at a mass immunization site. This includes youth aged 12-17 who are now also eligible for vaccination.

Currently in BC second doses are scheduled approximately 16 weeks after the first. The exact timing of Island Health's second-dose clinics for whole community sites is under development. We will share this information on our website and with your community as soon as it is confirmed.

If you are unsure if you are registered in the provincial system please call 1-833-838-2323 for support.

- For more information about the provincial registration system or immunizations for youth aged 12-17 please visit the [BC government website](#).
- To register yourself, a family member or friend please go to www.GetVaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 1-833-838-2323.
- If you have questions about Island Health's clinics in your region please contact Kristen Gregson, Area Director, Central Island Immunization Sites, at 250-217-5939 or at Kristen.Gregson@viha.ca.