

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

New information for the VCH Employer/Worker Immunization Program in Whistler

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To: Whistler workers who participated in the VCH Employer/Worker Immunization Program

From: VCH COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Integrated Operating Committee

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Yesterday, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) issued new recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines.

- For individuals who received a first dose of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine, an mRNA vaccine is now preferred as the second dose, based on emerging evidence of a potentially better immune response from this mixed vaccine schedule and to mitigate the potential risk of VITT associated with viral vector vaccines.
- For those people who would prefer to receive a second dose of AstraZeneca, they are welcome to make that choice and can rest assured that the vaccine provides good protection against infection and very good protection against severe disease and hospitalization.

In light of these new recommendations, this Sunday's clinic — **for employees who received the AstraZeneca vaccine as part of the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Employer/Worker Immunization Clinics in March** — will have both Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines available for attendees.

Whistler Conference Centre
4010 Whistler Way
Sunday, June 20: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLINIC:

- This clinic is **ONLY** for people who received a first dose of vaccine as part of the Employer/Worker Immunization Program held in Whistler between March 16-31.
- Those who are eligible are welcome to drop in at the times listed above
- You may be required to wait in line, please allow extra time
- Please bring:
 - your driver's license (or other government issued photo ID)
 - Personal Health Number/BC Services Card, if you have one
 - Your paper record of immunization from when you received your first dose
- 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.

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If you are unable to attend the clinic this Sunday, there will be more clinics planned in Whistler in the coming weeks. If you would like to get an mRNA vaccine for your second dose, you can also book an appointment at any of the mass clinics in the VCH region, once you receive a notification to book from the provincial Get Vaccinated system. **IMPORTANT: you must be registered in order to receive this notification. Register here: www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.**