



COVID-19 immunization

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Getting immunized is still the most effective way to stay safe. While the peak of respiratory illness season has passed, the SARS CoV2 virus continues to circulate at lower levels in the community. The protection from infection that COVID-19 vaccines provide decreases over time, particularly in older people, so a spring COVID-19 vaccine booster will ensure people stay protected. For information on registering to get a vaccine, please visit:

- [Government of British Columbia: COVID-19 immunization](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control: Getting a Vaccine](#)

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, please read the following pages:

- [HealthLinkBC File #124a COVID-19 mRNA vaccines](#)
- [HealthLinkBC File #124c COVID-19 protein subunit vaccine](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines, please read:

- [ImmunizeBC: COVID-19 FAQ](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

After vaccination

For more information on what to expect following vaccination and what to watch for, visit [ImmunizeBC: Immunization aftercare](#).

Children, students and COVID-19 vaccination

Your child can get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other childhood vaccines, including the influenza (flu) vaccine. Staying up to date on your child's immunizations helps protect them from severe illness. For information on COVID-19 vaccination for children and young people, visit:

- [BC Centre for Disease Control: Children and COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [ImmunizeBC: COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Students arriving in B.C.

If you received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine in another province or country, visit the following resource for additional information on submitting vaccination records or on registering for additional doses in B.C.: [BC Centre for Disease Control: Vaccinated outside of B.C. or Canada](#).

What to consider when getting vaccinated

There are very few reasons someone should not get the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine for individuals with specific health concerns, including allergies, pregnancy and breastfeeding, visit [BC Centre for Disease Control: Vaccine Considerations](#).

Vaccine effectiveness

For more information on vaccine effectiveness, please visit [BC Centre for Disease Control: Measuring Vaccination Impact & Coverage](#).

Vaccine safety

For more information on the vaccine approval process and safety, please visit [BC Centre for Disease Control: Vaccine Safety](#).

The information provided in the COVID-19 Immunization Health Feature has been adapted from:

- [BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [ImmunizeBC: COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)
- [Government of British Columbia: How to get vaccinated for COVID-19](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control: Vaccine Considerations](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control: Getting a Vaccine](#)