

COVID-19 Update

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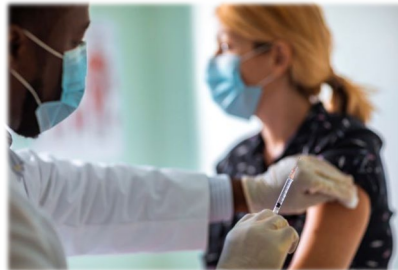
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Prioritized COVID-19 vaccines for child care staff

During the [provincial health update](#) on Thursday, April 15, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the priority vaccination process for front-line workers, including child care and K-12 educational staff will begin in the coming days.

Priority front-line workers **do not need to register** online for their vaccination. When available, employers will be alerted to next steps for coordinating vaccine appointments for staff.

In addition to ongoing [age-based immunization phases](#), please find out if you belong to [another priority group](#). For regularly updated information on vaccine rollout, please continue to check the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) web page on [getting a vaccine](#).



Renewed call to follow child care safety plans

Every day more people across B.C. get vaccinated. However, the recent rise in cases means it's more important than ever to follow [COVID-19 child care safety plans](#), as well as province-wide restrictions.

This means not hosting or attending indoor social gatherings, limiting outdoor social gatherings to the same 10 people from outside your household, and only leaving your community for essential work or health appointments.

Learn more about [province-wide restrictions](#) from the B.C. government and [preventative actions](#) from the BC CDC.

Slight change to application for ACCB

We've made a change to the My Family Services (MyFS) portal to help ensure families are submitting a completed application package for the [Affordable Child Care Benefit](#) (ACCB).

Parents now need to attach all required documents to submit their application. Before this change, parents were able to submit their application form and supporting documents at different times.

This created uncertainty when parents considered their application to be complete, but the program did not have enough information to determine eligibility and could not issue benefits.

Please remind parents to attach the Child Care Arrangement Form (CF2798) in the [MyFS portal](#) in order to submit their application.

Get the information as soon as it's updated

Want to ensure you're up to date on things like COVID-19 health and safety or child care news you can use?

You can now subscribe directly to our [Child Care Health and Safety](#) page to receive health and safety information and support updates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can also subscribe to this [COVID-19 Update Newsletter](#) for news and information directly from Childcare BC. Enter your email address on either page to be automatically notified every time the web page is updated.

COVID-19 Information

- [COVID-19 Provincial and Federal Benefits](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)
- [Information for Child Care Providers](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)