

# Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccination

*This fact sheet explains the law in general. It is not intended as legal advice for your particular problem. Because each person's situation is different, you may need to seek legal advice. The information in this fact sheet was reviewed by a lawyer, and was last updated on 14 May 2021.*

The Province of British Columbia is encouraging everyone in the province to get vaccinated against COVID-19. As a migrant worker in BC, you are entitled to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This fact sheet explains how you can register for and receive your COVID-19 vaccine.

## Do I have to register to get my COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, everyone must register to receive their vaccination. You must register if you fall under any of these categories:

- You have not yet received your vaccine
- You are a senior, an Indigenous person, or someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable and booked your first dose through your health authority before 6 April 2021
- You got dose 1 of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD at a pharmacy

## How do I register?

There are three ways to register:

1. Online: <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/>

You will need to provide:

- First and last name
  - Date of birth
  - Postal code
  - Personal health number
  - Email address or phone number
2. By phone: 1-833-838-2323
    - Translators are available
    - Open 7am – 7pm PDT, 7 days a week
    - Telephone for the Deaf: dial 711

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not have a Personal Health Number, you need to register by phone. A Personal Health Number will be created for you.

3. In-person at a Service BC office

Check locations and hours at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/citizens-services/servicebc>

### **Can I get a vaccine if I am undocumented?**

Yes, everyone in BC is encouraged to get vaccinated. If you are undocumented and do not have a Personal Health Number, you will need to register by phone by calling 1-833-838-2323. Any information you share when registering for your vaccine will be kept private. Your information will never be shared with other agencies or other parts of government. You will not need to provide proof of residence in BC.

### **What happens after I register?**

You will be notified by email, text, or phone call to book your vaccine appointment when it is your time.

### **How should I prepare for my appointment?**

You should wear a short-sleeved shirt and a mask and arrive early for your scheduled time. You can bring one person with you for support. All vaccine clinics are wheelchair accessible.

### **What happens when I arrive for my appointment?**

You will go through a check-in process and receive either a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine dose. You will not be given a choice. After your dose, you will need to wait in an observation area for 15 minutes.

You should expect to be at the clinic for 30-60 minutes.

### **What should I do after I receive my first dose?**

Once you receive your first dose, you will be given an Aftercare sheet. It includes information about monitoring side effects, your second dose, and public health recommendations. You can view the electronic version here: [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19\\_vaccine/VaccinationAftercare.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/VaccinationAftercare.pdf)

Everyone who has received their first dose should continue cleaning your hands often, physical distancing, and wearing a mask. It takes 2-3 weeks after your first dose to build immunity to COVID-19.

Once you're eligible to receive your second dose, you will be notified by email, text, or phone call, about 16 weeks later.