

NEWS RELEASE

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Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic locations – Phase 2

Northern Health is inviting seniors aged 90 and older, and Indigenous people aged 65 and older, to book an appointment for a free COVID-19 vaccine at one of more than 30 vaccine clinic locations across the region.

The Northern call centre opens Monday March 8, for seniors aged 90 and older, Indigenous peoples aged 65 and older. The call centre will operate 7am to 7pm PST, seven days a week, and clinic locations will be confirmed at the time of booking.

When to call is based on age, with a staggered schedule that may vary - and some communities may have different directions and eligibility. Northerners are encouraged to visit the Northern Health website for details on their local appointment eligibility schedules, as they may vary from community to community.

Northern Health continues to work in partnership with First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation British Columbia, Friendship Centres and other community organizations, to ensure COVID-19 immunization clinics will have cultural supports available for those who self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) individuals.

Our goal is to administer nearly 15-thousand COVID-19 vaccine doses through Phase 2 clinics, between March 15 and April 10, 2021. As BC's vaccine program continues to expand, our capacity will expand with several mass clinics opening by mid-April.

"Our Phase 2 clinics include venues in more than 30 northern BC communities; ranging from local health care facilities, to schools and local colleges, and conference and event centres," said NH CEO Cathy Ulrich. "We want to thank each and every community for their help in allowing use of their venues in the planned COVID-19 vaccine rollout."



The full list of clinic locations is available on the Northern Health <u>COVID-19 Vaccine</u> <u>Plan web page</u>.

Vaccine appointment call centres expect to have high call volumes in the coming days and weeks. If it's not your turn yet, please do not call in to book an appointment. Everyone who is eligible to book a vaccination appointment will be able to do so, and nobody will miss the chance to the get the vaccine when a new phase starts. Once you become eligible, you are always eligible.

Northern Health also encourages reaching out to family, friends and neighbours to see if they need help booking an appointment. For more information, what you should have ready, and step-by-step instructions on how to call to book an appointment for yourself, for a family member, for a friend or neighbour, please visit the BC Seniors First website.

Media Contact: NH media line – 877-961-7724

A backgrounder with clinic locations by community, follows.

BACKGROUNDER

NH communities COVID-19 vaccine - Clinic Locations

Important note: When to call based on age-group, and clinic appointment dates, varies between communities. Northerners are encouraged to visit the NH website for details on the timelines for age groups to call for appointments, and for clinic schedules, because some communities have different directions and eligibility.

Community	Clinic Location
Burns Lake (incl.	Lakes District Hospital, Burns Lake
Southside, Granisle)	Southside Health & Wellness Centre
Chetwynd	Granisle Seniors Centre Chetwynd Primary Care Clinic - Boardroom
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Dawson Creek	Dawson Creek Health Unit - Multipurpose Room
Dease Lake	Stikine Health Centre
Fort Nelson	Fort Nelson Recreation Centre
Fort St. James	Fort St. James Health Centre
Fort St. John	Fort St. John Health Unit - Multipurpose Room
Fraser Lake	Fraser Lake Community Health Centre
Haida Gwaii –North Masset,	Masset - Howard Phillips Hall
Port Clements	Port Clements Elementary School
Haida Gwaii –South Village of Q. Charlotte Tlell	QC - Queen Charlotte Community Hall Tlell - Parks BC, Naikoon Park Headquarters Sandspit - Airport
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Hazelton	Erwin Stege Community Centre
Houston	Coast Mountain College
Hudson's Hope	Hudson's Hope Health Centre
Kitimat	Kitimat General Hospital - Multi-purpose Room
Mackenzie, McLeod Lake	Mackenzie & District Hospital & Health Centre
McBride	McBride & District Hospital & Health Centre
Prince George	Prince George Conference & Civic Centre
Prince Rupert	Jim Ciccone Civic Centre
Quesnel	Quesnel Community Health Services
Smithers	Coast Mountain College
Stewart	Stewart Health Centre
Terrace	Terrace Sportsplex
Tumbler Ridge	Tumbler Ridge Medical Clinic
Valemount	Valemount – Golden Years Lodge
Vanderhoof	Vanderhoof Health Unit