
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution - Update

Northern Health continues to adjust COVID-19 vaccine appointment eligibilities and clinic dates, as BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan moves forward ahead of schedule.

The age-based vaccine rollout using the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines is accelerating across the province. The best resources for information continue to be the Northern Health website's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan page](#), as well as local [Northern Health Community Facebook groups](#).

Northern Health has been following a condensed schedule for opening booking opportunities to eligible age groups; generally (and since March 10, 2021) appointment eligibility is currently open to 80 years of age and over, and Indigenous people 65 and older - though there are local variations.

A number of Northern Health communities' age-based eligibility will soon open to those 70 years of age and older; and in some communities, to those 18 years of age and older. The latter have been chosen for a 'whole community approach to vaccinating residents all at once due to population size, remoteness, and/or accessibility – and these can be expanded to address outbreaks, clusters or high population incidence rates.

The Northern Health call centre to book COVID-19 appointments, based on age range and local eligibility, continues to operate 7am to 7pm PST, seven days a week, and clinic dates and locations will be confirmed at the time of booking.

Again, Northerners are encouraged to visit [the Northern Health website](#) for details on their local appointment eligibility schedules – and to call based on those dates to help helping the booking system operate more smoothly and ensure those who are eligible can be booked quickly and efficiently.

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