

December 20, 2021

Island Health’s COVID-19 immunization team is returning to your community early in 2022 to provide COVID-19 immunizations for all eligible people age five and older, including:

- First doses for children aged five to 11
- First and second doses for teens and adults aged 12 and over
- Booster doses for adults aged 18+ who are at least six months past their second dose

Appointments are required. Advance booking helps us prepare supplies before travelling to your community and ensures that your spot in line is reserved.

To make an appointment please ensure that you are registered in the provincial ‘Get Vaccinated’ system. This is fast and easy and can be done online at www.GetVaccinated.gov.bc.ca or by calling 1-833-838-2323. After registering, you will get an invitation via email, text or phone call when you can book an appointment. Your invitation does not expire. If you have already received an invitation and you’ve been waiting for your local clinic to show up in the booking system please check back regularly.

The current whole community clinic schedule is listed below. If your community does not have a confirmed clinic date yet do not worry – it will be confirmed soon and we will notify your community directly as soon as possible. Information will also be updated on our [website](#).

IMPORTANT:

Clinic schedules may change according to demand.

If appointments are not available when you try to book, please check back again later.

COMMUNITY	LOCATION	AGES 5-11:	AGES 12+
Bamfield	Bamfield Health Centre	Jan 26	Jan 26
Cortes Island	Gorge Hall	Jan. 10	Jan. 10
Denman Island	Denman Island Activity Centre	Jan. 12-13	Jan. 12-13
Gabriola Island	Gabriola Island Community Hall	Jan. 8, Jan. 12-14	Jan. 8, Jan. 12 -14
Galiano island	Galiano Island Lions Hall	Jan. 14	Jan. 12-14
Gold River	Gold River Community Hall	Jan. 14	
Hornby Island	Sea Breeze Lodge	Jan. 5-6	Jan. 5- 6
Kyuquot	Okimi Health Centre	Dec 16-17	Dec. 16-17
Lasqueti Island	Judith Fisher Centre	Feb 4-5	Feb 4-5
Mayne Island	Mayne Island Community Centre	Jan. 7	Jan. 5-7
Pender Island	Pender Island Community Hall	Jan. 21	Jan. 18-21
Piers Island	Piers Island Fire Hall	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
Port Alice	PA Community Centre	Jan. 6	Jan 5-6

Port Hardy	Civic Centre	Schedule pending	Jan. 31-Feb. 4
Port McNeill	Lions Hall	Schedule pending	Jan. 24-26
Port Renfrew	Port Renfrew Fire Hall	Jan. 12	Jan. 12-13
Protection Island	Beacon House Community Centre	Jan 19	Jan 19
Quadra Island	Quadra Community Centre	Jan. 4	Jan. 4
Read Island	Read Island Community Centre	Jan. 20	Jan. 20
Saturna Island	Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre	Jan. 14	Jan. 14
Sayward	Kelsey Recreation Centre	Jan. 26	Jan. 26
Sointula	Athletic Hall	Jan. 12	Jan. 11-12
Tahsis	Tahsis Rec Centre	Jan. 24	Jan. 24
Thetis Island	Thetis island Community Centre	Jan. 11	Jan. 11
Tofino	Tofino Community Hall	Jan. 22	Jan. 18-22
Ucluelet	Ucluelet Community Centre	Jan. 15	Jan, 11-15
Woss	Woss community hall	Jan. 18	Jan 17-18
Zeballos	Zeballos elementary school	Jan. 14	Jan. 14

Questions & Answers – COVID-19 immunizations for children

Q. What vaccine do children get?

A. The pediatric Pfizer mRNA vaccine approved by Health Canada is the same as the vaccine provided to older children and adults, but in a smaller dose shown to produce high protection in younger children.

Q. When are children eligible?

A. Eligibility is based on your child's birth date. They must be 5 years of age or older to get vaccinated.

Q. Do I have to register my child and make an appointment?

A. Yes. Children must be registered in the provincial Get Vaccinated system to make an appointment and receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Q. COVID-19 isn't serious in children. Why should they be vaccinated?

A. While most children with COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms, some can become very sick or experience rare but serious side effects. It is recommended that eligible children receive the vaccine to protect their health and the health of those around them. Vaccination is also recommended for children who have recovered from COVID-19 to ensure they have strong immune protection.

Q. My child turns 12 soon. Should they still get the pediatric dose?

A. If your child turns 12 in 2022, it's your choice to wait and have them vaccinated with the full dosage for youth and adults.

Q. Will my child need a second dose?

A. Children need two doses of vaccine to get the most effective protection against COVID-19. The second dose will be offered 8 weeks or more after the first dose. Parents or guardians will be invited by text, email or phone call to book their second appointment.

Questions & Answers – Booster doses

Q. Why do I need a booster dose?

A. A booster dose is an additional shot of vaccine that helps you maintain and lengthen your protection against COVID-19. When you get a booster dose, you're helping protect you and the people around you from COVID-19.

Q. Who is eligible for a booster dose?

A. Starting in January 2022, people 18 years and older will get a booking invitation between 6 to 8 months after the date of their second dose. First and second vaccine doses will continue to protect you from COVID-19 until you get a booster dose.

Q. What vaccine will I get?

A. You will receive either the Moderna or Pfizer (mRNA) vaccine for your booster dose. These vaccines are interchangeable.

Q. Why do some people get a smaller dose for their booster?

A. People who are under 70 and are not clinically extremely vulnerable receive a half-dose of mRNA vaccine. This is supported by clinical guidance from the National Advisory Council on Immunization (NACI) and the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

Q. I already booked an appointment in another community. Can I come to my local clinic instead?

A. Yes. You can reschedule online at <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/cancel-booking>. You can also call 1-833-838-2323.