

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution – additional community wide 18+ immunizations planned

Northern Health (NH) 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. As of noon today, Northern residents born in 1947 or earlier (74+), and Indigenous peoples 55+ can call to book their vaccine appointment. Once you’re eligible, you are always eligible.

NH has been vaccinating, or booking vaccinations, for people over the age of 18 in the following communities (regions): Prince Rupert, Haida Gwaii, Stewart, Dease Lake, Granisle, Hazelton and Houston.

NH is now planning whole community 18+ clinics for the following communities (**Do NOT call into book until the call-in date – the number to call will be made available at that time**):

Community	Clinic weeks	Call-in Date
Hudson’s Hope	April 5 and April 12	18+ March 26 (today)
Chetwynd	April 5 and April 19	18+ March 27
Fort St. James	April 5 and April 12	18+ March 27
Burns Lake	April 5 and April 12	18+ March 29
Southside	April 12 and April 19	18+ March 29
Tumbler Ridge	April 12 and April 26	18+ April 1
Fraser Lake	April 12 and April 19	18+ April 2
Mackenzie	April 12 and April 19	18+ April 4
McBride	April 19 and April 26	18+ April 5
Valemount	April 19 and April 26	18+ April 5

Things are changing quickly. The best resource for information continues to be the Northern Health website’s [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan page](#), as well as local [Northern Health Community Facebook groups](#).

The 'whole community' approach to vaccinating residents all at once is due to population size, remoteness, logistics, 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. Clinic dates and locations will be confirmed at the time of booking.

Eligibility and the call number may differ in your community. 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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