



NOTICE TO ALL TEAMSTERS EMPLOYED AT THE VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

VACCINE UPDATE

April 21, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you may be aware from the email from the Pandemic Working Group (PWG) sent out yesterday afternoon, there have been some issues with respect to the availability of vaccine this week and as a result, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has reduced the number of doses for the VPD. In essence, this has split Phase 2 into 2 groups, which has the effect of delaying the program for another week, with the majority of Teamsters being in the latter grouping.

As mentioned in the email, it is anticipated that all remaining employees will receive an email to book an appointment next week. However, it is possible that vaccine availability or other factors could become an issue and impact the next group. Therefore, we encourage you to refer to the B.C. Government website to canvass your options.

At this time, if you were born in 1981 or earlier (40+), you can get the AstraZeneca vaccine at eligible pharmacies. Visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/pharmacy> for more information.

You can also obtain information regarding registration and booking vaccination appointments at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>. As of April 20, 2021 the registration guidelines are as follows:

If you were born in 1986 or earlier (35+) or are Indigenous and born in 2003 or earlier (18+), you can register now.

If you are “clinically extremely vulnerable”, you can register now.

If you were born in 1991 or earlier (age 30+), you can start registering April 21 at 12 pm.

If you were born in 1996 or earlier (age 25+), you can start registering on April 22 at 12 pm.

If you were born in 2003 or earlier (age 18+), you can start registering April 23 at 12 pm.

If you are being vaccinated through the VCH campaign with the VPD, we would like to remind you to take your VPD identification to your appointment.

We hear the concerns of our membership and will continue to advocate to have all who wish to be vaccinated receive their vaccine as soon as possible. We encourage you to look into the other options available in order to obtain a vaccine or the steps to secure an appointment.

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