



First Nations Health Authority
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Q&A: COVID-19 Booster Doses

Who can receive COVID-19 booster doses?

Everyone who wants one, starting with higher risk populations, including Indigenous people.

When will I receive my COVID-19 booster dose?

Between now and May of 2022, the booster campaign will cover all BC residents aged 18 and over who have received their second dose of vaccine six to eight months ago. Timing will depend on the person's age, risk and the interval from their second dose.

What kind of vaccines will be used for a booster dose?

Currently, both the mRNA vaccines SpikeVax (Moderna) and Comirnaty (Pfizer BioNTech) are the two options for booster doses. The mRNA vaccines work the same way, so if you've received the first dose of one mRNA vaccine and are offered the other for your second dose, it is safe to receive it and it will offer you the same protection. People who received AstraZeneca as either a first or second dose will also be offered an mRNA vaccine for a booster. There are no concerns with safety or effectiveness from mixing these vaccine types.

I live in a First Nations community. How will I get the booster?

The First Nations Health Authority will once again work with communities to provide on-reserve booster clinics, beginning with rural and remote communities and those with residents who received their second doses more than six months ago and have the shortest intervals between the first and second doses. At-risk communities or those with active outbreaks will also be prioritized.

I live away from home (off-reserve). How will I get the booster?

The general public – including Indigenous people who received their first two doses through provincial clinics – will be invited to get their booster dose via the provincial online vaccination system.

I still need my first/second dose!

Vaccinations continue to be offered to those who still need their first or second dose. See the links below.

To register for a vaccine clinic, visit: gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html.

You can also find a vaccine clinic in your region at: gov.bc.ca/vaxforbc.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines see: fnha.ca/vaccine.

