



December 30, 2021

RE: COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATION PROGRAM

Dear colleagues,

Do you have capacity to assist with the COVID-19 booster campaign? **ImmunizeBC** is urgently seeking as many immunizers as possible to help us vaccinate British Columbians across the province in all health authority clinics. The effort required cannot be overstated.

This week, those 60 years of age and over who are at six months from their second shot will be invited to get their booster shot. As Omicron spreads and the strain on the health care system continues, we need more immunizers to expand this capacity to include *all* British Columbians who have reached the six-month mark since their second dose. **We expect our largest volume of booster recipients to move through the clinics in January and early February.**

We are asking nurses to commit to **four-, eight-, and 12-hour shifts in designated health authority clinics** to administer booster shots. To simplify the process, we have established a separate email account for you to sign up to participate in the booster campaign:
BCVaccineManagementProgram@gov.bc.ca

To register, please send an email to the address above with the following information:

- Name
- Registration number (BCCNM ID)
- Community you live in and health authority
- Mobile telephone number and an email address
- Your availability for January to mid-February and beyond, i.e., number of four-, eight-, or 12-hour shift(s) per week; daytime, weekend, evening availability
- If you are willing to assist in another B.C. health authority (particularly the North or Interior)

Our team will organize the information according to health authority, and you will be contacted based on your availability.

Our province has done a remarkable job working with public health, and nurses have played a critical role in managing this ongoing crisis. It is an honour to have worked with so many of you on the vaccination program over the last year. I know that I can count on you to assist us in successfully completing our booster program as quickly as possible for all British Columbians, ensuring that our health system remains well protected, and to finally put the disruption of this pandemic behind us.

With my sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Ballem', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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