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Provincial Health Officer Order RE: Education Requirements to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines to Older Children and Adolescents

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The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has issued a revised order allowing dental hygienists and other health professionals to perform activities related to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. This revised Order replaces a previous order issued on March 24, 2021. The revised Order specifies two mandatory education and training requirements related to administering vaccines to older children and adolescents.

You can read the revised order at the link below:

- [**REGULATED AND UNREGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SARS-COV-2 IMMUNIZATION ORDER – JANUARY 9, 2022**](#)

To quote from the revised Order:

3. The Authorized Health Professional must complete:
 - a) all Mandatory Training before performing the Immunization Activity,
 - b) the training titled “BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization for Older Children and Adolescents” posted at the following website <https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/26082/bccdc-covid-19-immunization-for-older-children-and-adolescents> before performing an Immunization activity on a child or adolescent aged 12 to 17 years, and
 - c) the training titled “BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization for Children 5-11 Years of Age” posted at the following website <https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/27185/bccdc-covid-19-immunization-for-children-5-11-years-of-age> before performing an Immunization Activity on a child aged 5 to 11 years.

As a reminder from the provincial government, health professionals who are interested in participating in the immunization campaign are able to register their interest online through the [COVID-19 Emergency Health Provider Registry \(EHPR\)](#). This registry is a provincial resource which health authorities can access, as needed, to connect with health professionals who have indicated their ability to deploy during the public health emergency. This may include non-immunization (e.g., administrative) activities within the immunization campaign and/or other health service roles.

If you have questions about this process, please refer to the FAQs linked to the [online registration form](#) or email: healthlinkbc@gov.bc.ca with “**COVID EHPR**” in the subject line.