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Q&A – Public Health Order Requiring Registrants’ Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

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A new Order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) — the [Health Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order](#) — requires the College to record the COVID-19 vaccination status of **all of its registrants** by March 31, 2022.

Below is a Q&A to assist you in better understanding the public health order and what is required of you as a registrant to comply with the order.

Q. Which health professionals are covered by this Order?

A. The Order applies to **all** BC regulated health professionals across **all** registration classifications.

Q. Does the Order apply to College registrants who provide only telehealth/virtual?

A. Yes. The College is required to record the COVID-19 vaccination status of all registrants.

Q. As a registrant, will I need to take action to have my vaccination status recorded by the College?

A. Unless we contact you for further information, you **DO NOT** need to provide any information to your College or the provincial government about your vaccination status.

Q. What will the College accept as a valid exemption to vaccination?

A. A valid exemption must be one issued by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). If you receive a medical exemption from the PHO, you will need to provide proof of the medical exemption to the College.

Q. Under what authority can the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) issue public health orders?

A. The PHO has the legal authority to issue emergency preventive measures orders under the [Public Health Act](#). Under the *Act*, all individuals and organizations are required to comply with the requirements set by the PHO.