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Update from Government on Vaccine Administration Activities

Please see below for a message from the provincial government as a follow up to the PHO Order allowing additional health professionals, including dental hygienists, to carry out activities related to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes information on how to register to participate in the vaccine roll out.

- To help meet the need for additional health professionals to support the province-wide COVID-19 immunization strategy, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has temporarily expanded scope of practice for certain health care professionals to allow them to support the delivery of immunization-related activities.
- This has been enabled through two PHO Orders – one for Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals, and another for Emergency Medical Assistants - which can be found [here](#).
- Those already authorized /certified to immunize are physicians, nurses (including nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, and licensed practical nurses), pharmacists and naturopaths
- Students in the nursing (registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse, licensed practical nurse), medical, midwife and or pharmacy programs who are already trained to provide intramuscular injections, with appropriate additional training will also be able to participate in the immunization campaign.
- Health professionals who are interested in participating in the immunization campaign, including those authorized in the PHO orders, are able to register their interest online through the COVID-19 Emergency Health Provider Registry (EHPR).
- The COVID-19 EHPR 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.
- You can register online with the COVID-19 EHPR by visiting <https://forms.hlth.gov.bc.ca/registry-covid-19>. If you have questions about this process, please refer to the FAQs linked to the online registration form or email healthlinkbc@gov.bc.ca for assistance. Be sure to include “COVID EHPR” in the subject line.
- Please fill out all fields in the online registration form as completely as possible. This will ensure health authorities are able to efficiently and appropriately contact you as needed.
- Health authorities may also be posting specific positions or expressions of interest in the future – we encourage you to monitor the website of your regional health authority so you can express your interest there as well.

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