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Interior Health administers more than one million vaccine doses

IH WIDE – Interior Health (IH) has surpassed administering its millionth dose of COVID-19 vaccine throughout the Interior as the #journey2immunity campaign continues.

"We are proud to report that IH has surpassed this incredible milestone, as we mark the Vax for B.C. campaign kick-off," said Interior Health president and CEO Susan Brown. "We have made remarkable progress and we plan to keep going as we work to fight this challenging pandemic together."

In total, 1,021,323 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered throughout Interior Health to date. This includes over 563,334 first doses and 457,989 second doses.

"Now people can drop-in to any Interior Health immunization clinic for either dose of the COVID-19 vaccine – no appointment required." added Brown. "Whether you schedule an appointment or simply drop-in to any of our immunization clinics, we are continuing to make the vaccine available across the Interior. As the wildfire season intensifies, get immunized sooner rather than later, and protect yourself and your loved ones from illness."

People are eligible for their second dose at seven weeks (49 days) from the date they received their first dose.

The Interior's vaccine rollout is a coordinated effort between Interior Health and the First Nations Health Authority.

How to get vaccinated

People can also get their first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by dropping in to any IH immunization clinic or by making an appointment.

To make an appointment, register online by visiting the provincial website at: <u>www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/</u>, call I-833-838-2323, or visit a Service BC office listed <u>here</u>, and then book an appointment.

For a list of all Interior Health COVID-19 immunization clinics and other resources visit: <u>https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/</u>

To learn about B.C.'s Restart Plan and COVID-19 Immunization Plan, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covid

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