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Interior Health and BCAA extend Mobile Vaccination Clinics through July

IH WIDE - Interior Health's mobile vaccination clinics will continue their trips through the Interior Region after delivering over 8,100 doses since their launch last month.

The mobile immunization clinics are a partnership with the British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA), which is providing BCAA Mobile Community Response Units – temporary structures normally used to provide on-the-ground disaster relief – to house the clinics. Travelling through the Interior region, the mobile clinics have made stops in over 40 communities to date.

"As our teams travelled across the region, we heard these clinics are a fast, efficient and convenient way to provide access to immunizations in smaller and rural communities," said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. "Their journey continues as we extend through July. They will return to many communities and also visit new communities to ensure everyone has convenient access to a COVID-19 vaccine."

No advance appointments are necessary for the mobile clinics. People who live or work in each community can walk-up, register and receive their first COVID-19 vaccine.

"It's fantastic to be able to support BC's vaccination program by donating our BCAA Mobile Community Response Units to be used as mobile vaccination clinics," said Eric Hopkins, BCAA's President & CEO. "As a BC organization focused on safety and protecting British Columbians, I can't think of a better way for BCAA to step up and make a difference for communities than by ensuring that as many people as possible can get easy access to a vaccine."

These rural mobile clinics complement the urban mobile neighbourhood clinics currently travelling through larger communities. This outreach is helping ensure everyone in the Interior has access to COVID-19 vaccinations.

To view the updated rural and remote mobile clinic schedule, please check <u>here</u>. As exact locations are determined this webpage will be updated.

How to get your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

- Attend one of our mobile immunization clinics in your community: https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/mobile-immunization-clinics-making-the-journey2immunity/
- 2. Register online by visiting the provincial website at www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/, call I-833-838-2323, or visit a Service BC office listed here, and then book an appointment.
- 3. Attend an immunization clinic during drop-in hours: https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-clinics/

How to get your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

To get your second dose, you need to book an appointment. If you registered with the Get Vaccinated provincial registration system for your first dose, you will be notified to book an appointment for your second dose approximately 8 weeks from the date you received your first dose.

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If you received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before the provincial registration system was available (April 6), register for your second dose at www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca.

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