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Interior Health expanding drop-in access for first doses of COVID-19 vaccine

IH WIDE – Interior Health is offering drop-in service for anyone who wants their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination as the #journey2immunity campaign continues to accelerate throughout the region.

Over 735,000 doses of vaccine have been administered throughout the region and now any vaccination clinic can accommodate drop-in service if someone wants their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

"As of today, any clinic is ready to welcome someone who wants to drop-in for their first dose of vaccine," said Interior Health president and CEO Susan Brown. "No appointments are necessary. That includes youth and families; anyone 12 and older is welcome to drop-in for their first dose when it's convenient for them."

For anyone uncomfortable with needles, or youth who may prefer a more comfortable setting, special arrangements are available to make the vaccination more positive and inviting.

"Our clinics have even created options to support people who might be frightened or nervous," added Brown. "This is a great option for youth, we can make sure their experience is as relaxed and supported as possible."

The Interior's vaccine rollout is a coordinated effort between Interior Health and the First Nations Health Authority. To date, immunizers across the region have delivered 529,453 first doses and 207,709 second doses for a total of 737,162 doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

There are three ways to register for COVID-19 vaccine notifications:

- 1. Online by visiting the provincial website https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated
- 2. By phone: I-833-838-2323
- 3. In person at a Service BC office listed here.

For clinic schedules and mobile clinic dates and locations visit: https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-clinics/

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

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

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