

Immunize BC – COVID-19 Rollout

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gov.bc.ca/Covid-19 | bccdc.ca | 1-888-COVID19

Symptom Self-Assessment:
covid19.thrive.health



BC Commitment

- Immunization of BC population by end of Sep 2021
 - All residents over 18 year of age (4.3M)
 - Small group of people with risk of very adverse outcomes (~180K) will be prioritized
- Roll out
 - Phase 1 and 2: Priority populations
 - Phase 3 and 4: Age-based approach: oldest to youngest + small group of highly at risk immunosuppressed patients
- Consistent approach across health authorities
- Learning from best practice
- Ongoing management of pandemic and outbreaks

BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan

Phase 1

Dec 2020 to Feb 2021

Phase 2

Feb to Mar 2021

Phase 3

April to June 2021

Phase 4

July to Sept 2021

High-Risk Population

- Residents, staff, and essential visitors to long-term care and assisted living
- Individuals assessed for and awaiting long-term care
- Hospital health care workers who may provide care for COVID-19 patients
- Remote and isolated Indigenous communities
- Seniors aged 80+ who are not yet immunized
- Indigenous seniors aged 65+, Elders, and additional communities not yet immunized
- Hospital staff, community GPs and medical specialists not yet immunized
- Vulnerable populations in select congregated settings
- Staff in community home support and nursing for seniors

General Population

People aged 79 to 60, in five-year increments:

- 79 to 75
- 74 to 70
- 69 to 65
- 64 to 60
- People aged 69 to 16 who are clinically extremely vulnerable

People aged 59 to 18, in five-year increments:

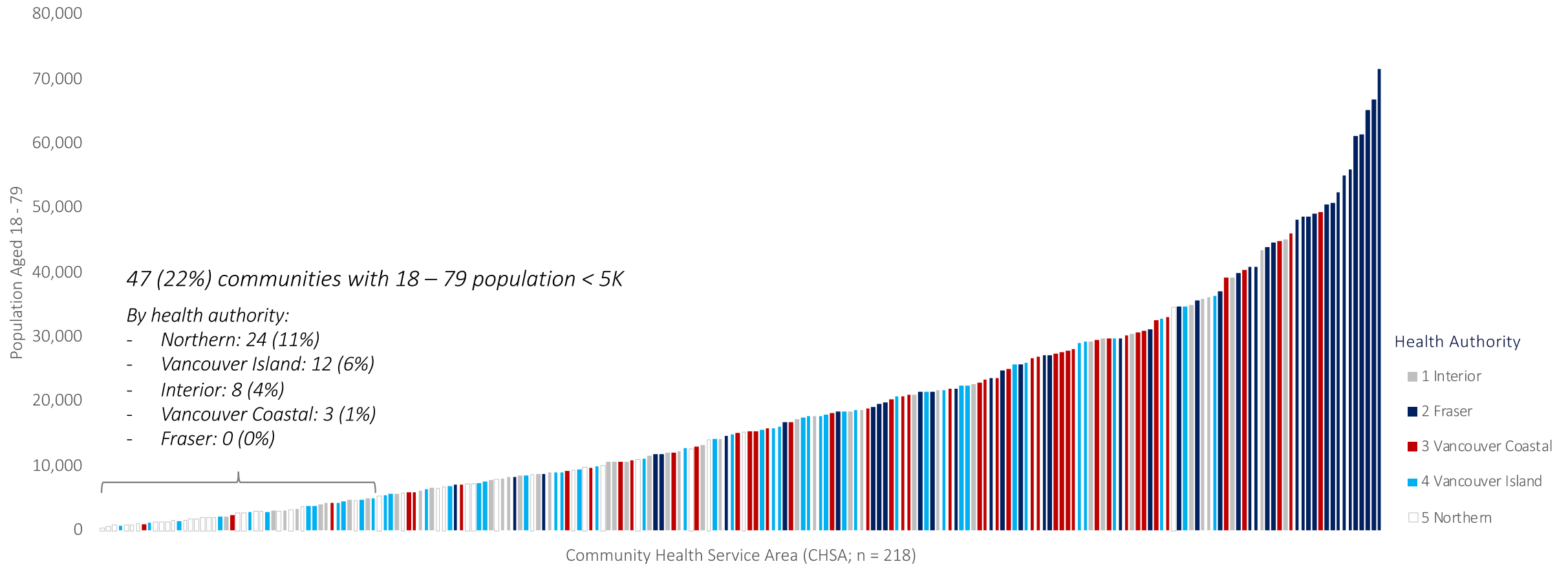
- 59 to 55
- 54 to 50
- 49 to 45
- 44 to 40
- 39 to 35
- 34 to 30
- 29 to 25
- 24 to 18

Once additional vaccines are approved and become available, people between the ages of 18 and 64 who are front-line essential workers or work in specific workplaces or industries may be included in the later part of Phase 3.

The timeline for BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan may change based on vaccine availability. Information last updated: January 19, 2021.

CHSA Populations by Size

Distribution of BC's Population Aged 18 – 79 by Community Health Service Areas and Health Authority
(2021 Projected Population)





COVID-19 IN BC

Vaccine Supply

- Two vaccines currently approved and in use in BC
- Both require 2 doses – currently administered 42 days apart
 - 4.3M people x 2 doses = 8.6M vaccinations
- Both have “cold-chain” requirements
- Waiting regulatory approval
 - AstraZeneca: requires 2 doses but no cold-chain requirement
 - Johnson & Johnson: requires 1 dose and no cold-chain requirement
- Vaccines ordered from National Operations Centre (NOC); delivered weekly directly to location to preserve cold chain
- Supply fluctuates due to manufacturer capacity

Vaccine Complexity

	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	
PFIZER									
Dose 2	10,547	25,658	24,273	12,256	12,011	6,026	5,123	20,167	Total 252,559
Dose 1	5,123	20,167	29,352	38,444	38,689	44,674	45,577	30,533	
MODERNA									
Dose 2	3,130	9,551	5,228	15,975	5,169	1,389	1,108	0	Previous Commitment 146,43 Dose 1 Not confirmed
Dose 1	1,108				5,043	48,801	48,801	48,801	

First Dose – Sample Week

Priority Population	FHA	VCHA	VIHA	IHA	NHA** for week 11
Health Care Workers – Acute	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Health Care Workers – EHS	✓			✓	✓
Health Care Workers – Comm	✓				
Long-term Care – Residents	✓	✓		✓	
Long-term Care – Staff/ Essential Visitors	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Congregate (staff & residents) – Shelters		✓			✓
Congregate (staff & residents) – Corrections					✓
Congregate (staff & residents) – Group Homes					
First Nations	✓				** vaccine very late arriving

Communications Basics

- Consistent provincial communications campaign in multiple languages, across multiple accessible channels
- **Communications Objectives:**
 - Communicate and create clear expectations on timing of when different groups of people will get vaccinated.
 - Provide accurate, easy to understand information on vaccine safety and efficacy.
 - Provide hope that there is an end in sight to the pandemic, while getting across that we are not there yet.
 - Ensure diverse reach in communication, including targeted language communities and remote/Indigenous communities.
 - Provide partners, including Health Authorities and other important voices, with the tools to amplify the campaign.

**First Age-based Population Group
80+ general/65+ Indigenous
March 2021**

Ensuring Inclusion

- Roundtables to inform and encourage partners to support local community networks in HAs:
 - Housing: Provincial Table - reaching vulnerable elderly
 - BC Housing – includes supportive housing, IL, social housing for seniors
 - SAFER (through BC Housing)
 - BC Non-profit Housing Association
 - Seniors Living BC
 - Inclusion: Provincial Table and Local HA tables -reaching the diverse community
 - **SUCCESS**
 - **MOSAIC**
 - **ISSBC**
 - **Faith Community - Leaders Group**
 - **LGMA, UBCM**
 - **United Way – Better at Home**