

October 18, 2021

TO: All contractors, vendors, consultants and suppliers for B.C.'s health authorities

On September 13, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) announced mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for all health care workers in hospital and community settings (public and private); this comes into effect October 26, 2021. On this date, all health care workers, including physicians, students, volunteers, etc., must have had one dose of vaccine and have plans to receive a second dose within 35 days.

As expected, the recently-published PHO order also applies to all contractors, vendors, consultants and suppliers with staff providing services in a hospital or the community. On behalf of B.C.'s health authorities (FHA, IHA, VIHA, VCH, PHC, PHSA, NHA and/or FNHA), PHSA is requiring that all vendors, contractors, consultants and suppliers support the order and provide staff that are fully immunized. This includes those who **provide services at any BC health authority** facility (acute care, lab or other clinical site, community setting, office, warehouse or other).

To comply with the order, each staff person must have:

- Received one dose by end of day Monday, October 25 and then waits seven days before entering a health authority facility
- Confirmed plans to receive their second dose within five weeks of receiving their first dose

Any new staff hired after October 25 must be fully vaccinated.

This is consistent with the same measures that health authorities are applying with our staff and health care workers. It is also consistent with the measures noted in the [Residential Care order](#).

It is our expectation that each vendor, supplier, contractor and consultant will take the necessary steps to ensure that all their staff entering any health authority facility are fully immunized according to the criteria and timelines outlined above. If you cannot comply by Oct 25 please contact your business owner today.

Please be prepared to share proof of vaccination, or requests for exemption, for all staff when requested. Some health authorities are requesting signed declarations from vendors in advance, but this is not the case province-wide.

Questions can be directed here: VendorLiaison.SupplyChain@phsa.ca.
You can read the order [here](#) and learn more about [medical exemptions here](#).

With thanks,



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