

# AGENDA

May 3, 2021

Mayors Roundtable Discussion

Location: Zoom / Event Space

Attending:

Premier John Horgan

Minister Josie Osborne

\*Participating Mayors below.

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*Invited Municipalities:*

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*Surrey*

*Richmond*

*Abbotsford*

*Burnaby*

*Delta*

*Township of Langley*

*City of Langley*

*Chilliwack*

*Coquitlam  
Port Coquitlam  
Port Moody  
New West Minister  
Metro Vancouver Regional District Chair  
Fraser Valley Regional District Chair*



Office of Mayor George V. Harvie  
*City of Delta*



MAYOR'S OFFICE

Delta

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

**Re: Provincial Health Officer Orders – Advanced Notification and Clarity for Impacted Businesses**

Over the course of the last year, the Ministry of Health's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency has been steadfast, consistent, and science driven. With each Provincial Health Officer order that is issued, it is evident that the Province has carefully considered the impacts to public health, society, and the economy. On behalf of Delta Council, I would like to acknowledge your efforts to consider the balance between responding to the pandemic and allowing businesses to remain operational, to the extent that is possible.

I recently met with Delta's Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Support Team (CRERST) comprising Delta Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Delta, Ladner Business Association, North Delta Business Association, and Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association to discuss economic recovery in Delta. During our meeting, CRERST discussed the impacts of Provincial Health Officer orders affecting businesses, particularly those issued without warning. Though we appreciate that advance notice may not always be possible, any notice provided will allow business owners more time to prepare, plan, and pivot to avoid waste and additional costs (e.g., food wastage, staffing, etc.). Where possible, I ask the Province to consider these concerns before issuing new or revised Provincial Health Officer orders impacting businesses.

CRERST also acknowledges and understands that orders are often made quickly and in response to rapidly evolving transmission data. Businesses would benefit, however, from understanding the decision making metrics used by the Provincial Health Officer when introducing a new order to minimize confusion, improve clarity, and ensure faster and more complete compliance.

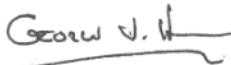
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As an example, orders and guidelines applicable to indoor low intensity group exercise classes that included the clear rationale and guidelines as to specific differences between yoga studios, pilates studios, and gyms, issued as contemporaneously as possible with the initial announcement, would support businesses in understanding the rules and applying them to their operations in a way that allows them to generate critical revenue in a safe, compliant way. I urge the Province to work with the Provincial Health Officer to ensure that written orders are posted as quickly as possible after a verbal order, and that the underlying rationale and high level, clear guidelines are included to the greatest extent possible in each case.

As businesses navigate the challenges of COVID-19, every day that they can stay open counts – being able to pivot early could be the difference between paying rent that month and/or keeping the lights on. I appreciate the Province's support on the aforementioned requests and look forward to working alongside the provincial government to recover from the pandemic.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie  
Mayor

cc: The Hon. John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia  
The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation  
Ian Paton, MLA South Delta  
Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer  
Rick Gibbs, Delta Chamber of Commerce  
Jane Stark, Tourism Delta  
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Ian Tait, North Delta Business Association  
Randy Scott, Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association  
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Mike	Hurley	Burnaby
Kenneth	Popove	Chilliwack
Richard	Stewart	Coquitlam
Dylan	Kruger	Delta
Val	van den Broek	Langley
Jonathan	Cote	New Westminster - Tentative
Brad	West	Port Coquitlam
Robert	Vagramov	Port Moody
Jason	Lum	RD Fraser Valley
Sav	Dhaliwal	RD Metro Vancouver
Doug	McCallum	Surrey
Kennedy	Stewart	Vancouver
Malcolm	Brodie	Richmond

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout KM/QA  
May 3, 2021

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## **Top Messages**

- We're expecting to get over 1 million doses of Pfizer in May.
- We need everyone 18+ to register for their vaccine today, and book their appointment as soon as it's their turn.
- All of the vaccines are safe and very effective.
- Every person vaccinated makes us all safer and gets us closer to putting the COVID-19 pandemic behind us.

## **Call to Action**

- Get vaccinated. Register today at [www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated)



## **Key Messages**

- Every person vaccinated makes us all safer and gets us closer to putting the COVID-19 pandemic behind us.
- We're going to get massive deliveries of vaccine supply in the coming weeks – our rollout is going to start moving quickly.
- All of the vaccines are safe and effective.
- We need everyone 18+ to register for their vaccine today and book their appointment as soon as it's their turn.
- **You only need to register once.** Once you're registered, you'll get an email or text message inviting you to book your appointment as soon as it's your turn.
- We're vaccinating people as quickly as possible, and if vaccine supply continues on schedule, everyone will be able to have a first dose by the end of June.

## Q&A

*How do I set up an appointment to get vaccinated?*

- Register today at [www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated). **You only need to register once.**
- Once you're registered, you'll get an email or text message inviting you to book your appointment as soon as it's your turn to book.

*Some say it's confusing, there are many streams and places to be immunized?*

- The most important and simple thing is for people to register.
- By registering, you will be in the system and you will be notified when it's your turn to get vaccinated.
- Our public health officials are doing an extraordinary job executing the largest immunization program in B.C. history, and working to make us all safer.

*Can people without Personal Health Numbers get vaccinated in B.C.? (ie. Those without status, temp workers, international students)*

- Yes. If you don't have a Personal Health Number, you can register by phone or in person at a Service BC office.
- Your information is safe.
- B.C. will never share your information with any other agencies or parts of government.

*How will someone be notified of vaccine appointments or that it's their turn to book if they do not have access to a cell phone, text message service and/or email?*

- The system ensures everyone is notified when it's their turn to get vaccinated.
- People who don't have a cellphone or e-mail can list a friend or family member who does.
- There are also callback and in-person options. You can call the contact centre or go to any Service BC location for updates.

*When can I get a vaccine at a pharmacy?*

- Appointments at most pharmacies are currently full.
- As we receive enough AstraZeneca from the federal government to add appointments at pharmacies, it will be made available to anyone in the province aged 30 and older.

*Why aren't you using pharmacies more to administer vaccines/why aren't you making Pfizer and Moderna available in pharmacies?*

- Our mass immunization clinics have been hugely successful at administering large amounts of vaccine quickly to people – we're going to continue to focus on those for Pfizer and Moderna.
- Pharmacies are playing a key role in our effort, and as we receive more AstraZeneca supply, it will be made available to anyone in the province aged 30 and older through participating pharmacies.

*On Fraser Health pop up clinic confusion:*

- Our public health officials are doing an extraordinary job executing the largest immunization program in B.C. history, and working to make us all safer.
- They're trying all manner of things to get people vaccinated – some work well, and others don't. We know the pop up clinics were frustrating and confusing for many people.
- We learned from that experience and there are no more pop up clinics planned in the Fraser Health region.
- Eligible people who live in high-transmission neighborhoods can register on the Get Vaccinated website and will be immediately contacted to book their vaccination (people 40+). We need everyone to register today.

*How do the registration clinics at gurdwaras in Fraser Health fit into the overall immunization plan?*

- There are registration clinics happening at Gurdwaras in Fraser Health May 1-2.
- If enough people register, there will be specific vaccine clinics scheduled at a later date.
- This scheduled clinic is part of the same immunization outreach strategy Fraser Health has used for other settings including congregate living.

*On vaccination of priority front-line workers (eg. First responders, school staff, childcare):*

- We recognize the urgency many people feel to get vaccinated, especially for workers on the frontlines.
- We're immunizing workers now – we're aiming to finish all first responders, school staff and childcare workers across B.C. by mid-May.
- As supply improves, public health will be expanding the number of frontline workers who can get vaccinated.
- Workers are getting contacted through their employers with instructions on how to book their appointments.
- Everyone in B.C. will be offered their first dose by end of June. We need everyone 18+ to register today.

*Is Astra Zeneca less effective and less safe compared to Pfizer and Moderna?*

- All of the vaccines are safe and very effective, including AstraZeneca.
- But we aren't scheduled to receive any AstraZeneca soon, and most of the doses have been used up.
- We're expecting to receive over 1 million doses of Pfizer in May. Everyone needs to register today so you're ready to book your shot as soon as it's your turn.
- The best shot for you is the first one you're offered.

*Why are high transmission communities being vaccinated through additional clinics?*

- We are using vaccines in hot-spot communities and workplaces to stop outbreaks.
- We encourage everyone to register for their vaccine, especially those living in these 16 high transmission communities:
  - East Newton, Fleetwood, North Surrey, Panorama, West Newton, Whalley
  - North Delta
  - Port Coquitlam
  - South Langley Township
  - West Abbotsford
  - Kensington (Vancouver)
  - Squamish
  - Britannia Beach
- People can confirm they live in a high-transmission community prioritized for immunization by entering their postal codes: [gov.bc.ca/neighbourhoodplan](https://gov.bc.ca/neighbourhoodplan).

*Is there a different process for registering for clinics in hotspots? Is this different than age based registrations?*

- No. Everyone registers using the provincial online registration tool, or by calling the provincial call centre, including people who reside in high transmission neighbourhoods.
- If you are 40+ and live in a high transmission neighbourhood, you'll be invited to book an appointment right away.
- People can confirm they live in a high-transmission community prioritized for immunization by entering their postal codes: [gov.bc.ca/neighbourhoodplan](https://gov.bc.ca/neighbourhoodplan).

*If I had my first dose in a pharmacy or booked it through a health authority call centre, how will I find out when it's time for my second dose?*

- If you registered and booked your first dose on the provincial Get Vaccinated system, you'll get a notification when it's your turn to book your second dose.
- We'll have details on the process and timelines for second doses soon for everybody else soon – we know the 16 week mark is coming up for some people.
- Everyone's going to get a second dose on time.

*Can cancer patients and clinically extremely vulnerable people receive their second dose earlier?*

- We recognize this is a challenging time for anyone who may be living with a health condition that makes them more vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19.
- B.C.'s approach to the extended dose interval to a maximum of 4 months is based on a recommendation by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, which is based on evidence, efficacy, modeling, ethical principles, and expert opinions.
- At this time there are no medical exemptions to provide second doses ahead of the scheduled interval.
- With a limited number of vaccine doses available, public health is providing first doses to as many people as possible first to limiting the ability of COVID-19 to spread and protect everyone in our communities.

*What efforts have been made to reach out to the South Asian community to encourage people to get immunized?*

- There are registration clinics happening at Gurdwaras in Fraser Health May 1-2.
- B.C.'s COVID-19 website and public health information has been translated into 13 languages including Punjabi and distributed widely in B.C's South Asian Community.
- Operators at B.C.'s call centre are providing information to the South Asian Community in Punjabi.
- Targeted advertisements have been placed in Punjabi-language media.
- Grassroots outreach to the South Asian community is being done by Fraser Health's South Asian Health Institute
- Targeted outreach to South Asian media led by Fraser Health's Dr. Sukh Brar is being done to encourage people to get registered and vaccinated.

*What efforts have been made to reach out to the Chinese community to encourage people to get immunized?*

- The provincial website is available in 13 languages including Traditional and Simplified Chinese.
- Our provincial contact centre (1-888-COVID19) is able to connect with people in more than 130 languages.
- Vancouver Coastal Health offers translated materials and website content, has done significant Chinese media outreach, and held several vaccine information sessions in partnership with S.U.C.E.S.S. in Cantonese and Mandarin.
- In addition to Chinatown/Strathcona, we've targeted our vaccine confidence outreach to the Richmond community. We've been working with the Division of Family Practice and family doctors to encourage call-outs to seniors to help answer questions and encourage bookings.

Integrated interpretation services are available at Vancouver Coastal vaccination clinics.

## Re: COVID -19 Stakeholder Conversations May 3-5

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Hi Don,

Yes. The first Conversation with the SA Covid task force is at 12:30 and the second conversation with the local mayors is at 2:30.

Thanks,

Naveen

Sent from my iPhone

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On May 2, 2021, at 10:53 AM, Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Naveen,

Have we confirmed the times for the two meetings tomorrow?

Don

**From:** Girn, Naveen PREM:EX

**Sent:** April 30, 2021 4:40 PM

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**Subject:** COVID -19 Stakeholder Conversations May 3-5

Hi all,

Thank you all for your helpful conversations today.

Here is a list of the stakeholder conversations for early next week.

This includes:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-6pm Meeting with MLAs and MPs (information session only Min Dix and Dr. Henry)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Time TBD) Meeting with Metro Vancouver Mayors
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Time TBD) Meeting with South Asian COVID 19 Taskforce (PS Singh to support in language) South Asian Media invited to view opening statements
- May 5<sup>th</sup> 11-12pm: South Asian Community Conversation (Min Kahlon to support in language) South Asian Media invited to view opening statements
- May 5<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm: Chinese Canadian Community Conversation (Min Kang to support in language) Chinese Canadian Media invited to view opening statements

Best wishes,  
Naveen



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## **SPEAKING NOTES**

**[Meeting with mayors]**

**[May 3, 2021]**

### **Headline**

*Premier John Horgan tells mayors of urgent need to get people registered for vaccinations as large supplies about to arrive*

### **Quote**

*“My urgent request to you today is to help spread the word about the need to register. The facts are clear: The vaccines are safe and they are effective. We need to have everyone register for the vaccine. That is the surest way for us to get vaccines into the arms of every British Columbian in a safe, orderly, and timely fashion.”*

### **Audience**

- Mayors of 11 communities in Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health (Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, Surrey, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Delta, Langley, and Abbotsford).

### **Format**

- 5-minute remote address

*Speaking notes begin on the next page*

Premier John Horgan here.

*[Land acknowledgement]*

I am joined today by Minister Osborne, who will speak to you shortly.

Thank you all for joining us.

I want to update you on the status of the largest vaccination program in the province's history.

We have some good news.

Large supplies of vaccine will be arriving soon – including over 1 million doses of Pfizer in May alone.

I am meeting with you today to share an urgent call to action.

More than 2 million people have already registered for the vaccine, but with massive deliveries coming in, we need everyone to register now.

People need to register, so they get notified as soon as it's their turn to book appointment.

We need everyone to get vaccinated at the first opportunity to flatten the curve and protect our communities.

I made the same ask in a meeting earlier today in a roundtable conversation with the South Asian COVID-19 Task Force.

I was joined by Parliamentary Secretary Rachna Singh.

We all agree how important it is to get everyone registered right now.

And they offered valuable wisdom on how to encourage even more people to register.

On Wednesday, I will be meeting separately with stakeholders from the Chinese and South Asian communities.

I will be joined by Minister Kang and Minister Kahlon.

I will be stressing to community leaders, as I am to you, the need to share the message about registering.

I will be listening to them for insight on how best to reach their community members.

We have invited a diverse group of people to join us.

That includes:

- business leaders and heads of non-profits
- youth and student groups

- academics and social media influencers
- and faith leaders

I am certain they will provide further guidance.

We are spreading the message in English and 12 other languages.

Public health officials have also come up with a comprehensive plan to increase vaccinations in hot spots.

16 hot spots have been identified in the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions.



Targeted vaccination programs have shown great success in Indigenous communities, as well as in Whistler and Prince Rupert.

It's like turning down the heat on an overboiling pot.

My urgent request to you today is to help spread the word about the need to register.

The facts are clear.

The vaccines are safe.

And they are effective.

We need everyone to register for the vaccine now.

That is the surest way for us to get vaccines into the arms of every British Columbian as quickly as possible.

If there is scepticism or reluctance, it must be countered by facts.

If there is lassitude, it must be met with urgency.

We're stepping up our efforts to encourage more people to register, and I'm eager for your feedback about how we can better reach people too.

More than a third of British Columbians have already had their first vaccination.

We are on track to have all British Columbians vaccinated with their first dose by the end of June.

We are so close to flattening the curve.

We cannot falter now.

I am eager to hear from you in our roundtable talk.

Thank you.

Pre Brief ahead of Mayors meeting with Minister Osborne

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Lindsay

Don Bain

Naveen

Gov attendees: All on phone

Minister Osborne

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