Memorandum

Date: April 26, 2021
To: Year 1 & New Y2-Y7 Medical Residents from all health authorities
From: Dr. Stacy Sprague, Executive Director, Safety, Health & Wellness
Cc: Megan Stowe, Executive Director, Virtual Health
Re: COVID-19 Vaccinations

Medical residents play a critical role in B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to keep medical residents healthy and safe, COVID-19 vaccines are being provided to all residents who are able to receive a vaccination, regardless of age. The COVID-19 vaccine is strongly recommended as a way to protect yourself and others, and is safe and effective at reducing severe outcomes of COVID-19.

If you have not already received your first dose of vaccine, please use the following process to make a vaccine appointment:

1. Call the provincial booking line at 1-833-838-2323. The phone line is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

2. Let the booking line agent know you are a health-care worker in a hospital or community setting, whichever is applicable in your case. All health-care workers who work in clinical settings are eligible to receive the vaccine, regardless of age.

3. If you are turned away from booking an appointment, contact your Medical Resident Safety Advisor, Ben Loosley at EmployeeSafety@vch.ca, provide your personal health number (PHN) and phone number and he will help you resolve any issues. Please also connect with your supervisor and coordinator.

4. Bring your personal health number when you attend your scheduled vaccine appointment.

Important reminder: Provincial orders and Public Health guidelines, including strict adherence to personal protective equipment use, remain in place for everyone, even if you have received the vaccine.

Thank you again for your incredible efforts; the exceptional care that you provide is helping keep our communities healthy.