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You are receiving this newsletter to help you stay updated on issues and BCNU initiatives that may be important to you in your retirement.

COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout – UPDATE: All Retired Nurse Members Can Now Participate

All retired nurse members interested in supporting the provincial COVID-19 immunization plan are now welcome to register online with the Government of BC.

On March 14, 2021, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry issued a public health order once again expanding the list of health professions that can administer the COVID-19 vaccine. The list now includes retired registered nurses (RNs); retired licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and retired registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs) who are not registered with the BC College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM).

How to Get Involved

If you are a retired nurse member interested in participating but do not have temporary emergency registration with the BCCNM, you can register online using the <u>COVID-19 Emergency Health Provider Registry (EHPR) form.</u>

Retired nurses who are NOT registered with BCCNM must select their specific specialty area when completing the registry's online form.

Here's how:

- 1. Locate the **Registrant Specialty section** of the form.
- 2. In the "Registrant Specialty" drop-down menu, select "Nurse".
- 3. In the "Main Specialty" drop-down menu, select the specific type that applies to you.

The form will also ask you to identify the health authority in which you currently reside. If a position becomes available, the health authority you indicated will contact you directly. You will then be required to complete immunization courses.

After completing the form, be sure to click the "Submit Registration" button at the bottom of the webpage.

For more details on the process to participate, please read the updated information available on the <u>BCCNM website</u>. To learn about the immunization plan and Phase 2 of the rollout, visit the following webpages on the BC government website:

• COVID-19 Immunization Plan

• BC Government's Vaccine Appointments for Seniors

Questions?

For more information about the COVID-19 registry, please read the FAQ for <u>BC's COVID-19 Registry</u>. You may also send an email to the BC government at <u>EHPRQuestions@gov.bc.ca</u> or <u>healthlinkbc@gov.bc.ca</u>, with "COVID EHPR" in the subject line.

For questions on how you can get involved, please email the BCCNM directly at practice@bccnm.ca.

For concerns regarding placement, please contact your health authority directly.

If you know another retired member who did not yet receive this email, please forward this to let them know they can update their information with BCNU and be added to this mailing list by contacting membership@bcnu.org.

Questions or suggestions? Reply to this email with your feedback for future eNewsletters.

For more information, please visit the <u>Retired Nurses page</u> on the BCNU website.

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