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COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout – Retired Registered Nurses Can Now Participate

Retired RN members interested in supporting the provincial COVID-19 immunization plan are now welcome to register online. On February 23, 2021, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry issued a public health order expanding the list of health professions that can administer the COVID-19 vaccine to include retired registered nurses (RNs); retired LPNs and RPNs are not included at this time.

How to Get Involved

If you are a retired RN interested in participating but do not have temporary emergency registration with the BC College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM), you can register online using the COVID-19 Emergency Health Provider Registry (EHPR) form.

Retired nurses who are NOT registered with BCCNM must select the "retired registered nurse" category 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 "Retired Registered Nurse without temporary registration".

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

If there is a position available, you will be contacted directly by the health authority you will be asked to indicate on the form. You will then be required to complete immunization courses.

For more details on the process to participate, please read the <u>updated information</u> available on the BC College of Nurses & Midwives <u>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

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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