

PRACTICE UPDATE

COVID-19 Vaccine: Required Education for Nurses

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SITE(S): ALL VCH & PHC SITES

SITUATION / BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign requires participation from health professionals across all VCH & PHC practice settings. Nurses may administer COVID-19 vaccines with an order or *without an order* ([Nurse Independent Activity - NIA](#)).

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

Nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs) administering COVID-19 vaccine to clients with a client-specific order do not require additional education.

- VCH Acute and PHC Acute/Long-Term Care: Review the [PDTM](#) monograph or [BCCDC COVID-19 Vaccine Biological page](#) for specific vaccine(s) being administered and [BCCDC COVID-19 Vaccine Healthfile, and After Care Sheet](#)
 - Additional resource for PHC: review [Anaphylaxis: Initial Emergency Management \(Adult and Pediatric\)](#)
- VCH Long-Term Care: Review the Vaccination resources at [VCH Long-term care & assisted living COVID-19 resources](#) page

Nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs) immunizing clients or staff with COVID-19 without an order (NIA) require additional education.

** (Note: this includes *Peer Nurse Immunizers* who have been trained to administer Flu Vaccine to staff ONLY)**

1. Nurses who **HAVE** completed the *BCCDC Immunization Competency Course*
 - Review the [Curriculum: BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinars](#), [BCCDC COVID-19 Vaccine Biological pages](#), [Healthfile](#), [After Care Sheet](#), [VCH COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#) and [VCH FAQ for Immunizers](#)
- Nurses who **HAVE NOT** completed *BCCDC Immunization Competency Course*
 - Nurses who completed COVID-19 immunization education prior to March 26 2021, ADDITIONALLY REQUIRE [Curriculum: BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinar: Viral Vector Vaccines COVID-19 course](#)
 - Nurses who **HAVE NOT YET** completed COVID-19 immunization education REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:
 - [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses \(RNs, RPNs, LPNs\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 Immunization Demo Video \(For Nurses\)](#)
 - Review [VCH COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#), [VCH FAQ for Immunizers](#)
 - VCH: Review resources on [Sneezes and Diseases](#) (eg. After care sheet, etc.)
 - VCH: Complete COVID-19 immunization practice and [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Skills Checklist](#) with a nurse competent in the skill (e.g. for new immunizers with COVID-19 Immunization Clinics: will be arranged by the People Team)

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Staff who are additionally asked to handle dry-ice: [Dry-ice handling safety training](#)

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