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VCH opens free COVID-19 vaccination clinics to Bella Coola Valley residents starting March 10

Bella Coola, B.C. - Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is pleased to announce that starting today all residents of the Bella Coola Valley who are 18 years of age and older can book their free COVID-19 vaccination appointments by phone for appointments beginning on March 10.

First doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be available by appointment only from March 10 to 12 and March 15 to 19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bella Coola General Hospital, located at 1025 Elcho Street.

People living in the Bella Coola Valley can book their appointments now by calling 250-799-5342. The booking line is open 9 a.m. - noon, and 1 - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

| Date | Times | Location | How to book |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| March 10 – 12 | 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Bella Coola General Hospital | Call 250-799-5342 to |
| | | | book an appointment |
| March 15 – 19 | 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Bella Coola General Hospital | Call 250-799-5342 to |
| | | | book an appointment |

Before calling the phone line, residents are asked to have their personal health number, full name and date of birth ready.

For more information on the clinics, visit vch.ca/BellaCoolaVaccine or for general questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, 1-888-COVID19 (1.888.268.4319) or visit gov.bc.ca/covid19.

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is responsible for the delivery of \$4.1 billion in community, hospital and long-term care to more than one million people in communities including Richmond, Vancouver, the North Shore, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky corridor, Powell River, Bella Bella and Bella Coola. VCH also provides specialized care and services for people throughout B.C., and is the province's hub of healthcare education and research.

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