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Please note that the information on non-government organizations has been updated.

The Government of Yukon is updating the implementation of the vaccine requirement for employees based on new recommendations from the Yukon's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health.

On October 22, Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) released new recommendations regarding the time interval between the first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Catherine Elliott is recommending the Yukon follow the new guidance from NACI, which recommends people wait eight weeks between doses of mRNA vaccines such as Moderna.

All public servants, including teachers, as well as those who work in hospitals, long-term care homes, medical clinics and allied health care settings, along with employees of non-government organizations who provide services to vulnerable populations, will be required to have their first dose of vaccine no later than November 30 and their second dose no later than January 30, 2022.

This will ensure employees and front-line healthcare workers who have not yet been immunized have enough time to receive both doses of vaccine before the new requirement comes into force.

Vaccination remains the best way to keep yourself, your community and those who are ineligible for vaccination safe from the devastating impacts of COVID-19 and to keep us on the path to recovery. The Government of Yukon is committed to ensuring a safe working environment for our employees, including our healthcare workers, while protecting the health and safety of the members of the public we serve every day. We continue to work closely with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and our partners on the implementation of these new public health measures.

Premier Sandy Silver

We need to arm ourselves with the best protection we can. This means getting your flu shot as well as your COVID-19 vaccinations, wearing a mask, washing your hands, staying home when you are sick, isolating and getting tested when you have symptoms, continuing to keep your bubble and your social gatherings small. We have enough vaccine for everyone and every vaccine dose counts.

Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Catherine Elliott

Quick facts

- Book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).
- The clinic in Whitehorse is located at the Yukon Convention Centre, 4051-4th Avenue. In communities, contact your local health centre.
- Yukoners can request their [proof of vaccination credential online](#), or by phoning the COVID-19 InfoLine 1-877-374-0425, seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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