

March 18, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier today, the provincial government announced that front-line workers, including K-12 educational staff, will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations over the coming weeks. The full new release is available [HERE](#).

Beginning in April, K-12 educational staff will be among those individuals in priority groups identified by public health and the COVID-19 Workplace Task Group to begin to receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD (AZ/SII) vaccine.

While COVID-19 vaccines are not mandatory, all staff in the K-12 system are encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as it is available to them. Providing safe and healthy learning environments for our students and staff has always been our priority, and today's announcement strengthens our collective efforts.

I look forward to sharing with you more details about the priority vaccination for K-12 educational staff, including vaccine booking arrangements, as soon as they become available.

I am pleased with today's announcement and the inclusion of K-12 education staff in the vaccine priority list. I am also pleased with how the B.C. COVID-19 Immunization Plan is progressing to date, and welcome the good news that the province is on track to have every eligible adult immunized by this summer. As I shared with you last week, with the immunization plan pushing forward, there is greater optimism that we may return to some sense of "normal" during the summer months.

I hope today's news provides us all with some comfort and relief and that you are enjoying Spring Break.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

