

## How to receive Covid 19 and flu vaccine in BC

As the COVID-19 pandemic has stabilized since the second half of 2022, relatives and friends who have been separated finally have the opportunity to come back to live in BC or visit relatives. Recently, we have often been asked how to register for the new crown vaccine if one has never been vaccinated in BC.

The process is as follows:

1. Register on <https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca>

The above website is where the BC provincial government records all vaccinations against Covid 19 and flu in the province.

If you have never left BC since the outbreak and have been vaccinated, you should have already registered on this website as early as 2021

If you have just recently returned to or came to visit BC, or have never been vaccinated here, you must then first register yourself on this website. If you have a BC Service Card, the easiest way is to register online. If you don't have a BC Service Card, or you don't know how to use a computer, you can call 1-833-838-2323.

2. To get a flu shot

After registration, you can choose the date, place, and time to make an appointment for flu vaccination on the same website (or use the above phone number)

3. If you want to get a Covid 19 vaccine

If you have completed a primary series of Covid vaccines recognised by WHO about 4 or 5 months since the last dose, and would like to receive Pfizer or Moderna booster dose here, then you would need to upload your vaccination record from outside BC onto <https://immunizebc.ca/user>. When these previous vaccination record appears on your profile in <https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca>, then you can go ahead and book your appointment

The first round of COVID-19 vaccine (the first and second dose) recognized by WHO (World Health Organization) and the Canadian government was completed 4 to 5 months ago outside of BC, and I hope to be vaccinated here with Pfizer or Moderna. For booster shots, you must upload all new crown vaccine records outside of BC on another website <https://immunizebc.ca/user> (this website does not have Chinese services). After the records are uploaded, the government will confirm the vaccine records with overseas health bureaus. Accuracy, after confirmation, the government will register the record at [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/).

If you have never been vaccinated against Covid 19 or have been vaccinated a vaccine that is not recognized by WHO, then you would need to complete the primary series of mRNA vaccines by getting the monovalent version for 2 to 3 doses first. Under this circumstance, when booking online, make sure you choose "covid mRNA vaccine 12+" instead of "covid mRNA bivalent vaccine 12+"

Government policies may change at any time. This information was written in early January 2023. Please use the government website as the last consultation