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## **[BCHR: PHO Order Statement](#)**

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### **Next steps for complying with public health order requiring recording of registrants' vaccination status**

As we [stated](#) earlier this week, a new Order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) — the [Health Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order](#) — requires the College of Naturopathic Physicians (CNPBC) to record the COVID-19 vaccination status of **all of its registrants** by March 31, 2022. On request by CNPBC, registrants must provide proof of vaccination or proof of an exemption if they have it.

**This Order does not impose a COVID-19 vaccination requirement.** Please note that separate public health orders remain in place requiring COVID-19 vaccination for health professionals working in [residential care](#), [acute care and community care](#) settings.

### **Next steps for registrants**

The College has provided registrant information to the Ministry of Health (MOH) for matching against the Provincial Immunization Registry. The MOH is in the process of

sharing this data matching with the College. We anticipate that most vaccinated registrants will be easily verified in the Provincial Immunization Registry.

If a registrant's vaccination status is **not** confirmed via the data exchange process, we will contact the registrant by email soon with details of the information required and how to submit it. **We ask all registrants to check their email frequently this month to determine if we require further information from them.**

For more information about this Order and its requirements for registrants and CNPBC, please see our Frequently Asked Questions.

### **For members of the public**

If you are a member of the public with questions about the public health order, please contact PHO/MOH Patient Client Relations:

Victoria: 250 952-1891

Toll Free within BC: 1 833 552-1891

Email: [HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca)

Website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/health/ministry-contacts>

### **FAQs**

#### **Which health professionals are covered by this Order?**

- The Order applies to **all** BC regulated health professionals across **all** registration categories, including Practising, Nonpractising, Temporary and Student Registrants of CNPBC.

#### **Does the Order apply to College registrants who provide only telehealth/virtual?**

- Yes. CNPBC is required to record the COVID-19 vaccination status of all registrants.

#### **As a registrant, will I need to take action to have my vaccination status recorded by the College?**

- Unless we contact you for further information, you DO NOT need to provide any information to your college or the provincial government about your vaccination status.

### What will the College accept as a valid exemption to vaccination?

- A valid exemption must be one issued by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO).

### Under what authority can the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) issue public health orders?

- The PHO has the legal authority to issue emergency preventive measures orders under the *Public Health Act*. Under the *Act*, all individuals and organizations are required to comply with the requirements set by the PHO.



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