



Provincial Health Officer Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination of Industrial Project Workers

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Based on recent experiences of working with industrial projects and camps to manage cases, clusters, and outbreaks of COVID-19, I cannot overemphasize the value of full vaccination of all workers as a control measure, particularly in settings such as the industrial camps, where many workers rotate through and live in group accommodations.

COVID-19 vaccination has been clearly shown to reduce an individual's risk of contracting the virus.

In the event people become infected, the vaccine prevents serious illness that can result in hospitalization, intensive care unit admission and death due to COVID-19.

In addition, if infected, being vaccinated shortens the period of infectivity, thereby reducing risk of transmission to others.

Reducing transmission in workplaces and communities is essential for protecting our health care system by reducing the number of people who become seriously ill and need hospitalization and intensive care admissions.

Vaccination also protects the workforce and prevents exposed workers from having to be isolated and prevents potential stoppage of work due to cluster or outbreaks.

I strongly recommend that all workers in industrial projects, especially including those living in industrial camps, be fully vaccinated to protect against COVID-19 consequent to community exposure, workforce mobility risks and congregate setting transmission.

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