

Help us connect with young people to get registered for their vaccine – Paid Sick Leave – Nurses Week – Mental Health – Eid Mubarak!

Dear Community Member,

In British Columbia, more than 50% of eligible adults have now received their first vaccine dose. We all know that herd immunity is only achieved through mass vaccination. Only after achieving herd immunity can we return to pre-COVID19 socializing, music festivals, indoor dining and parties! It is very important right now that all of us take a moment to connect with young people aged 18 and older, it is getting close to their turn to be vaccinated. Registering in advance means that the guess work is taken out as they are notified exactly the right time. No need to follow the news – get the text on your phone. Help us get the word out any way you can to young people far and wide that this weekend, IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Paid Sick Leave

Throughout this pandemic, staying home when we're sick has been one of the most important ways to stop the spread of COVID-19. Nobody should have to choose between going to work sick and going without a paycheque. That's why we're bringing in [paid sick leave for every worker in British Columbia](#), so workers can put their health first. After advocating to the federal government for a national solution to a national problem, BC New Democrats took action to fill the gaps. People who need to stay home due to COVID-19, whether that's to get a test, manage symptoms or self-isolate, will have access to three days of paid leave. Permanent sick leave will be implemented in January 1st, 2022.



Week of acknowledgements

This week we celebrate Nurses and their delivery of health care to us at all times – but especially through this past year. They have been working hard at their job and also dealing with the additional emotional pressures of working through a

pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic, we all put hearts in our windows to thank and encourage them. Today, I am sending a huge heart to all nurses in BC.

We also observe Mental Health Week this week. This year has really highlighted some of our pressing issues around mental health, and I'm proud that our government is making the largest financial commitment to increasing healthy outcomes for people with mental health issues. One program, developed by BCcampus, is Capacity to Connect, an open, adaptable digital training resource that provides basic mental health and wellness knowledge for post-secondary faculty and staff to support students in distress. Learn more:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0033-000883>

Eid al-Fitr

To all our Muslim friends, we hope that your Eid celebration was magical this year. We are so thankful that, again, you have found ways to celebrate in a safe way. In keeping those we love safe, we are ensuring that there are many more years of Eid to celebrate! Eid Mudbarak!

My constituency office is available by phone or email. Available hours are Monday to Thursday 10am-4pm, and Fridays by appointment only. You can reach us at 250.703.2410 or Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca if you have any questions or need assistance with provincial supports.

Sincerely,

Ronna-Rae Leonard
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COVID Resources:

For medical info, visit bccdc.ca or call 811

For vaccination info, visit gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

For provincial supports and BC's Restart Plan, visit gov.bc.ca/covid19 or call 1-888-COVID-19 (1-888-268-4319) or text 604-630-0300

For employer guidelines on returning to work safely, visit WorkSafeBC

Take the self-assessment at covid19.thrive.health

For seniors looking for additional support, or for those looking to support seniors, call 2-1-1 or visit bc211.ca

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COVID Resources:

- For medical info, visit covid-19.bccdc.ca or call 811
- For the BC Recovery Benefit, visit gov.bc.ca/recoverybenefit or call 1-833-882-002
- For financial supports for people and businesses, [visit this page](#).
- For PHO orders and guidance, [visit this page](#).

- For seniors looking for additional support, or for those looking to support seniors, call 2-1-1 or visit bc211.ca
- For virtual mental health resources, [click here](#).