

## Health Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventative Measures Order Dated March 7, 2022



### *Frequently Asked Questions*

**Date: March 11, 2022**

**1. Which health professionals are covered by the Order dated March 7, 2022?**

- The Order applies to **all** BC regulated health professionals across **all** registration categories, including occupational therapists. It also includes:
  - College registrants who provide telehealth/virtual care
  - those registered as Non-Practising.

**2. Does the Order dated March 7, 2022 apply to College registrants who provide only telehealth/virtual services?**

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

**3. 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 the college or the provincial government about your vaccination status.

**4. 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).

**5. 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 (Act)*. Under the *Act*, all individuals and organizations are required to comply with the requirements set by the PHO.