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Next Steps for Complying with March 7, 2022 Public Health Order Requiring Recording of Registrants' Vaccination Status



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As we <u>stated</u> earlier this week, a new Order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) - the <u>Health Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order</u> - requires COTBC to record the COVID-19 vaccination status of **all its registrants** by March 31, 2022. On request by COTBC, 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 <u>residential care</u>, <u>acute care and community care</u> 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 COTBC, please see our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

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:

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