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## COVID – 19 UPDATE 38

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on workers, program support criteria are subject to change. Be sure to visit [www.unifor.org/covid19](http://www.unifor.org/covid19) to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard.html#card>

## Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card



### Get the BC Vaccine Card

➤ You can save the digital version to your phone or tablet or print a paper copy to carry in your wallet. Both options are accepted everywhere.

#### Step 1: Log-in securely

To log-in securely, you need to provide your:

- Date of birth
  - Personal Health Number (PHN)
  - Date you got dose 1 or dose 2
- If you already have a Health Gateway account, log-in with your BC Services Card App.

#### Step 2: Save or print

- After you've securely logged in, you have 2 options:
- Select "Save a copy" and save the digital copy to your device's photo album or downloads folder
  - Save a screenshot to your device

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- You can save the digital version on your device or print a paper copy for yourself or someone else, like a youth or parent.
- If you print a paper copy, make sure to print at a large enough size for the QR code to be successfully scanned. Do not fold or crease the QR code portion of the card. You can test the scan at home by downloading the [BC Vaccine Card Verifier app](#).

### Step 3: Show your card

- Have your card ready when entering a business.
- They'll look at your vaccine card and also check your government ID.
- Enjoy events, businesses and services in B.C.
- Feel safe knowing that everyone around you is vaccinated.

### I need help saving my digital copy or printing a paper copy

- When you access your BC vaccine card through the website, a **Save a Copy** button appears under the QR code.
  - On most desktop computers, clicking this button will automatically save an image file in the "downloads" folder on your device.
  - On iOS devices (like an iPhone or iPad), tapping this button will automatically download the card to the device under Files.
  - On most Android devices (and on iOS devices using Google Chrome), tapping this button will navigate the browser to a full image file, which can then be saved through a pop-up menu by tapping and holding the image
- Depending on your browser or device settings, you may need to manually save the vaccine card for future use.
- If the Save a Copy function doesn't work on your browser or device, you can take a screenshot of the vaccine card and QR code instead.
  - Saving a screenshot on a desktop computer will depend on your operating system. Most Windows devices support the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + Prt Scrn** to take a screenshot. On Mac OS you can press **Shift + Command + 4** to select an area for capture. The image will be saved to the folder where your operating system is configured to store screenshots
  - When using an iPhone with a home button, you can save a screenshot to the Photos app by pressing the **home button** and **lock button** at the same time. If your iPhone does not have a home button, this is done by pressing the **volume up** and **lock button** at the same time
  - Most Android devices will capture a screenshot when the **volume down** and **lock button** are pressed at the same time. Some may require you to hold the power button for a few seconds instead, which will make "Take Screenshot" appear as an option on the screen
- Screenshot commands may vary based on your manufacturer, settings and operating system. Consult the user guide or contact your device's support line if you encounter trouble.
- If you want to print a paper copy, select **File > Print** in your web browser, or use the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + P** (Windows) or **Command + P** (Mac). A print dialog screen will allow you to adjust paper size and orientation.
- You can still use [other forms of proof of vaccination](#) until September 26.

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## I don't have access to a smartphone, computer, and printer

### Ask a friend or family member for help, or visit a library

- 1) If you don't have access to a smartphone, computer and printer, ask a friend or family member to help you print your card from the website.
- 2) You can also print the card at your local library.

### Order a copy by phone

- You can order a paper copy by phone.
- **Note:** You can't request a paper copy for someone else.
- Call: [1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323) | Translators are available
- Seven days a week, 7 am to 7 pm (PDT)
- Statutory holidays, 9 am to 5 pm (PDT)
- Telephone for the Deaf: Dial [711](tel:711)
- [Video Relay Services \(VRS\) provides sign language interpretation](#) free for registered deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired people.

### Print a copy at a Service BC office

- 3) You can print a copy of your card at most Service BC offices. Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey locations don't offer printed copies.
- 4) Office hours vary by location. Check before you go:
  - [Find a Service BC office close to me](#)
- 5) **Note:** If you need a printed copy for a child, you must bring them with you to the office.

## Places your vaccine card is required for entry

- This content is a summary of the [PHO order — Food and Liquor Serving Premises \(PDF, 402KB\)](#) and [PHO order — Gatherings and Events \(PDF, 417KB\)](#) documents. It is not legal advice and does not provide an interpretation of the law. In the event of any conflict or difference between this webpage and the order, the order is correct and legal and must be followed.
- By order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), proof of vaccination is required to access some events, services and businesses. You must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated. The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022 and could be extended.
- The requirement applies to all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+) and covers:
  - Indoor ticketed sporting events with more than 50 people
  - Indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events with more than 50 people
  - Licensed restaurants and cafes and restaurants and cafes that offer table service (indoor and patio dining), including liquor tasting rooms in wineries, breweries or distilleries
  - Pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining)
  - Nightclubs, casinos and movie theatres

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- Gyms, exercise/dance facilities/studios and these activities happening in recreation facilities
- Businesses offering indoor exercise/fitness
- Indoor adult group and team sports for people 22 years old or older
- Indoor organized events with 50 or more people.
  - For example: wedding and funeral receptions (outside of a funeral home), organized parties, conferences, trade fairs and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities with more than 50 people like pottery, art and choir
- Post-secondary student housing
- Spectators at indoor youth sporting events with more than 50 people
  
- **Note:** Proof of vaccination is **not** required to vote in-person in the September 20 federal election or at advance polling places.

### **Examples of places that don't require proof of vaccination**

- You don't have to show proof of vaccination at places like:
  - Grocery stores, liquor stores and pharmacies
  - Unlicensed restaurants that don't offer table service
    - For example: fast food, coffee shops, food courts, food trucks and takeout
  - Tasting rooms without seating attached to wineries, breweries or distilleries
  - Local public transportation (BC Transit, TransLink, BC Ferries)
  - Salons, hairdressers and barbers
  - Hotels, resorts, cabins and campsites
    - Unless it is a setting or event covered by the PHO order. For example a licensed hotel restaurant, wedding reception or conference
    - Does not include exercise/fitness facilities in hotels that are for guests
  - Swimming pools (unless it's the location of an event) and skating rinks (unless being used for adult sport)
  
  - Banks and credit unions
  - Retail and clothing stores
  - Public libraries, museums, art galleries (unless they are the location of an event)
  - Food banks and shelters
  - Escape rooms, laser tag, indoor paint ball, arcades and bowling alleys (if they are unlicensed or don't offer food-related table service)
  - Post-secondary on-campus cafeterias
  - Airport food courts and restaurants
  - Health care services, rehabilitation or exercise therapy programs, and drug and alcohol support group meetings
  - Social services provided to people in need
- You don't have to show proof of vaccination at events like:
  - Worship services
  - Indoor youth recreational sport for people 21 years old or younger
  - Before and after school programs for K to 12 students

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- Student events and activities in K to 12 public and independent schools
  - Indoor organized events with less than 50 people, except adult sports
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## **Vaccination key dates**

### **Article I. September 13: Partially vaccinated**

You must now be partially vaccinated to access some events, services and businesses.

You're partially vaccinated with 1 dose.

### **Article II. October 24: Fully vaccinated**

By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated to access some events, services and businesses.

You're fully vaccinated with 2 doses.

### **Article III. I'm not vaccinated yet**

- You won't be able to access some events, services and businesses.
  - [I need to get vaccinated](#)
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## **Privacy and your vaccine card**

### **Every BC Vaccine Card has a unique QR code**

- Every BC Vaccine Card comes with a unique QR code. B.C. is using the SMART Health Card QR code format, a requirement of the federal government. This means the QR code only stores the absolute minimum level of information and is not connected to other health records.

### **What information is included in your QR code**

- The QR code contains your:
  - First and last name
  - Date of birth
  - Dates of vaccination
  - Type of vaccine
  - The lot numbers of the doses you received
  - The clinic location where you received your doses

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### Why this information is included

- The information in your QR code will be required as borders around the world reopen to fully vaccinated travellers. Having it in your QR code ensures the long-term validity of your BC Vaccine Card.
- In B.C., businesses are required to use [the BC Vaccine Card Verifier app](#) to scan the QR code. This app can only read:
  - your name
  - whether you are fully or partially vaccinated
- Businesses are not allowed to keep a copy of any proof without your consent.
- **Don't share your QR code on social media.** This is a personal document. Keeping your BC Vaccine Card secure is key to keeping your information under your control.

### Partially vaccinated



### Fully vaccinated



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## Checking ID

- Events, businesses and services will ask to see your BC Vaccine Card **and** a piece of valid government photo ID, for example:
  - B.C. driver's licence or BC Services Card
  - Passport
  - Photo ID issued by another province or territory

## Vaccine card transition period to September 26

- To give everyone time to get their BC Vaccine Card, up to and including September 26, you can show other forms of proof of vaccination:
    - [Wallet-sized immunization record card](#) (given out at vaccine clinics)
    - Printed immunization record from Health Gateway
    - Immunization record from your pharmacy (AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD)
    - [National Defence Canada COVID-19 vaccine record or card](#)
    - [Provincial Immunization Registry record](#) (used by Interior Health and others)
    - [ImmunizeBC record](#) (used by First Nations Health Authority and others)
    - Health authority immunization records:
      - [Fraser Health](#)
      - [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
      - [Northern Health](#)
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## Families and caregivers

- You can share copies of your vaccine card with your family and loved ones. We recommend emailing copies to family members or printing multiple copies.
  - Parents should carry a copy of their child's vaccine card with them. You are allowed to have multiple copies.
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## Students and youth

### Post-secondary students

- Proof of vaccination is also [required for some on-campus housing](#).

### Out-of-province students

- You can use your [provincial/territorial](#) or [international](#) proof of vaccination.
- We recommend you get a BC Vaccine Card. To get a card, you have to [get your immunization record added to the provincial system](#). Submit your information as soon as you arrive in B.C.

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## Youth aged 12 to 18

- Youth aged 12 to 18 can carry their own BC Vaccine Card, or have a trusted adult carry it for them.
  - Youth are not required to show valid government photo ID.
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## Canadian Armed Forces

- Members of the Canadian Armed Forces don't need to get a BC Vaccine Card.
  - You can use your [National Defence Canada COVID-19 vaccine record or card](#) and your [National Defence ID card](#).
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## People who don't have B.C. ID

- People who don't have a B.C. ID are also required to show proof of vaccination. You might not have B.C. identification if:
  - You're visiting from another place
  - You just moved here

## People from other provinces or territories

- People from other Canadian provinces or territories must show:
  - Provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record
  - Valid government photo ID

## International visitors

- International visitors must show:
    - Proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada
    - Passport
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# THE COVID-19 BRIEF

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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**The outbreak by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 10, 2021):

- **Canada:** 1,535,369 cases | 38,073 active | 27,150 deceased
- **Globally:** 223,497,702 cases | 4,610,788 deceased

**Vaccine shipment forecasts** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 10, 2021)

- Total vaccines distributed in Canada: 63,940,298
- No current shipment allocations

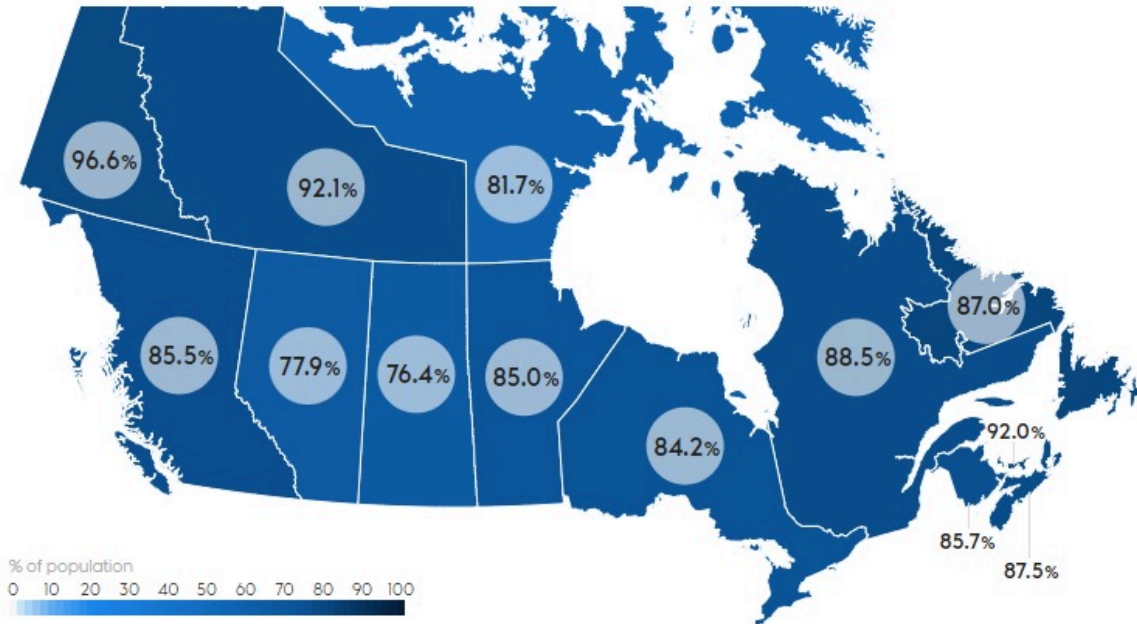
**Vaccinations by the numbers** (as of 2:00 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept 10, 2021)

Map shows percentage of *eligible* population (12+) vaccinated with at least one dose; percentages table below are for *total* population.

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## Eligible population (12+) in Canada: 84.6% first dose | 77.5% fully vaccinated

Percentage of eligible population (12+) vaccinated with at least one dose



- **World:** 5,635,296,946 doses given | 41.5% first dose | 29.5% fully vaccinated
- **Canada:** 74.4% have received at least one dose | 68.1% fully vaccinated
- **British Columbia:** 76.7% at least one dose | 69.8% fully vaccinated
- **Alberta:** 66.3% at least one dose | 59.5% fully vaccinated
- **Saskatchewan:** 66.9% at least one dose | 59.7% fully vaccinated
- **Manitoba:** 72.5% at least one dose | 67.8% fully vaccinated
- **Ontario:** 74.4% at least one dose | 68.7% fully vaccinated
- **Quebec:** 77.3% at least one dose | 70.9% fully vaccinated
- **New Brunswick:** 76.1% at least one dose | 68.2% fully vaccinated
- **Nova Scotia:** 77.8% at least one dose | 71.7% fully vaccinated
- **Prince Edward Island:** 81% at least one dose | 73.2% fully vaccinated
- **Newfoundland and Labrador:** 80.6% one dose | 71.8% fully vaccinated
- **Yukon:** 79.5% at least one dose | 76.2% fully vaccinated
- **Northwest Territories:** 77.3% at least one dose | 72.4% fully vaccinated
- **Nunavut:** 60.6% at least one dose | 53.6% fully vaccinated



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## Here's what's been happening in Canada

**Cross-country snapshot.** Some health-care professionals are sounding the alarm as

Western provinces continue to lead the way in coronavirus cases. In **Alberta**, which reported [1,500 new cases](#) on Thursday, a group of physicians warned that the [province's health-care situation is "dire"](#), with intensive care unit capacity at around 90 per cent. Hundreds of surgeries are [being cancelled due to soaring COVID-19](#) case numbers and hospitalizations. Some patients are getting the bad news just days before the surgery - after waiting a year for the procedure. The province is [reinstating measures](#) it lifted two months ago, such as [mandatory mask requirements](#) and also announced more [home-care funding](#) to make room for COVID-19 patients.

**Saskatchewan** is seeing its [worst wave yet](#), repeatedly [breaking its record](#) for seven-day averages. It currently stands at 367 cases, higher than the 320 average reached during the second wave at the start of this year. In Prince Albert, the medical health officer says a third of its critical care pediatric beds have been consistently occupied by children sick with COVID-19 over the last three weeks. "We are really under imminent threat. Our system [may not make it through](#)," says Dr. Khami Chokani.

In **B.C.**, proof-of-vaccination [will be required soon](#) (with rare exceptions) at non-essential businesses in an effort to curb transmissions. The province has seen [hospitalization](#) and [intensive care numbers](#) jump this week. Notably, none of the [ICU patients under the age of 50](#) -- about a quarter of the total number -- are fully vaccinated.

**Ontario** saw cases fluctuate sharply this week, hitting more than [900 new infections](#) last weekend, before falling down to the 500s earlier in the week. On Friday, it reported more than [800 new infections](#). While the seven-day average has generally been rising, cases currently remain well below numbers reached during the second and third wave. Even so, outbreaks can happen easily: [41 cases](#) are linked to an outbreak at a single child-

care centre in Kingsville, Ont. for example. Meanwhile, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit is asking anyone who attended a recent anti-vaccine mandate protest in Cornwall, Ont. to [monitor for virus symptoms](#) after it received a report that someone with active COVID-19 attended the event.

**Quebec** reported more than [800 new cases](#) on Friday -- the largest single-day increase in months -- but overall, the province is [currently tracking](#) a similar trend as Ontario.

**Manitoba**, the **Atlantic provinces** and **territories** continue to fare much better than the rest of the country overall. **Nova Scotia**, for example, will be lifting its masking mandate and gathering limits [next week](#).

**International travellers welcome.** The federal government [eased travel restrictions](#) this week, with fully vaccinated foreign nationals allowed to enter Canada for non-essential purposes, such as tourism. We have a look at [everything you need to know](#) about the new travel rules.

**Rapid testing.** Also known as lateral flow tests, some countries have been including them as another regularly used tool in the pandemic toolbox. But in Canada, some experts say [they are being underutilized](#).

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**Moral injury.** Once hailed as frontline heroes, health-care workers are now the target of anger from those upset over vaccine mandates and passports. One emergency room nurse [recounts the emotional toll](#) she recently faced dealing with a difficult work day as patients waited for ICU beds occupied by unvaccinated COVID-19 patients, while listening to protesters outside the hospital.

**Vaccine mandates and passports.** This has been a wedge issue [during the election](#), as federal leaders take positions on vaccinations and mandates. **Quebec** announced this week that all health and social services workers [must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 15](#) or face suspension without pay. In New Brunswick, a nursing home association is expressing serious concern over the number of nursing home workers -- 1,500 or 18.6 per cent -- who are [not yet vaccinated](#). The group is now looking into a vaccine policy for employees.

- [WestJet employees must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 30 or face termination](#)



## [The latest headlines...](#)

**In vaccines.** A series of studies published in August and September from scientists around the world are adding to the growing body of evidence that those who are pregnant or breastfeeding can pass on high levels of [valuable antibodies against COVID-19](#) to their babies through vaccination and natural immunity, potentially protecting their infants from the disease.

- [BioNTech to seek approval soon for vaccine for 5-11 year olds: report](#)

People worried about allergic reactions can find some reassurance in a new study that shows 98 per cent of people with a history of multiple allergies [suffered no allergic reaction](#) after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech shot. Of the two per cent who did react, none required hospitalization and symptoms cleared with medication within a few hours.

- [EU lists rare nerve disorder as possible side-effect of AstraZeneca shot](#)

Booster shots continue to be a source of discussion, though Canada has yet to release [a broad third-dose plan](#). The National Advisory Committee on Immunization, however, is now recommending that [some immunocompromised people](#) receive three doses. Some experts say it's still too early to tell if a third dose is necessary for the general population. Overseas, the European Medicines Agency says it has started an expedited evaluation on [whether to recommend a booster dose](#) of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization continues to appeal to wealthy countries to [refrain from offering booster shots](#) this year and make doses available for poorer countries. Earlier appeals by the global

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agency have largely been ignored.

- [Moderna developing single-dose COVID-19, flu combo vaccine](#)
- [Novavax begins early-stage trial for combined flu and COVID-19 vaccine](#)

**In research and data.** Ever wonder how much all these hospitalizations are costing? About an average of \$23,000 per patient, [according to new data](#) from the Canadian Institute for Health Information. This is almost three times higher than hospitalization for a heart attack and only a little less than the cost of hospitalizing a kidney transplant patient.

The Delta variant may have been able to spread quickly not only because of its increased infectivity, but because it is [less affected by neutralizing antibodies](#) produced by prior infection with COVID-19 or produced by vaccines, according to a new study.

- [What is Nipah, the deadly virus emerging in India alongside COVID-19?](#)
- [WHO may name variants after constellations once Greek alphabet is done](#)
- [Convalescent plasma treatments don't improve severe patient outcomes: study](#)

**In fact-checking.** Our story last week on whether vaccine mandates violate Canadians' charter rights prompted some to cite the Nuremberg Code -- that the "experimental" shots are in violation of the principles developed in the wake of Nazi atrocities during the Second World War. So this week, my colleague Nicole Bogart fact-checks that claim with experts and explains why the vaccines [do not violate the Nuremberg Code](#).

- [Judge denies request for hospital to treat COVID-19 patient with Ivermectin](#)
- [Scientists and health agencies warn against ivermectin for COVID-19](#)

**From around the world.** The hoped-for "Summer of Freedom" turned into a summer wave in the **United States**. The combination of the Delta variant and strong resistance to vaccinations drawn along political and geographic lines has fuelled the surge, with the virus spreading more efficiently among the unvaccinated, experts say.

With the summer season coming to an end, it took all of three days to record about [400,000 infections](#) -- a figure that took the entire month of June to reach. The Delta variant is filling hospitals, killing younger Americans at a much higher rate than previous waves, and driving deaths in some places to the highest levels of the entire pandemic. States with lower vaccination rates are seeing [more children being hospitalized](#) with COVID-19 too.

[This story out of Florida](#) captures the grief upon grief hitting a state that is experiencing its deadliest wave yet. A woman died of the virus, and as her family was planning the funeral, her mother was also struck down. An aunt took over arrangements for the double funeral, only to die of COVID-19 herself two weeks later. All this as Gov. Ron DeSantis strongly opposes certain mandatory measures to keep the virus in check, saying people should be trusted to make decisions for themselves.

With some 80 million Americans still unvaccinated, the surge has prompted U.S. President Joe Biden to announce [sweeping new federal vaccine requirements](#) potentially affecting tens of millions of Americans: employers with more than 100 workers must mandate immunizations or offer weekly testing. Employees of the executive branch and contractors who do business with the federal government must vaccinate, with no option for testing. The new edict could [face legal challenges](#), however, as Republican leaders and

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some union chiefs say it goes too far. And in Los Angeles -- the second-largest school district in the U.S. -- the board has voted that all eligible students [must be vaccinated](#) by the end of the calendar year.

- [Cuba begins vaccinating children as young as two for COVID-19](#)
- [Brazil suspends use of 12 million shots of China's Sinovac vaccine](#)
- [Germany urges vaccine shots; warns of fall surge](#)
- [Vietnamese man jailed for 5 years for spreading coronavirus](#)

## **How it affects you**

From virtual appointments and working from home, the pandemic has caused a sea-change in our lives, often accelerating trends and practices that were already happening. But what about our jobs? Faced with worker shortages and higher labour costs, some companies are starting to automate service-sector jobs that economists once considered safe. "It doesn't call sick...it doesn't get corona. And the reliability of it is great," says one employer. We have a story out of the U.S. that takes a look at a [pandemic boom in automation](#).

- [Montreal entices teens to get vaccinated with video games, cash prizes](#)

## **One last thing...**

This week marks the [third school year impacted by the pandemic](#), with most Canadian students headed back to class and some staying home. Things are different this fall: millions of children remain ineligible for the vaccine even as the highly transmissible Delta variant make its way through the unvaccinated population. And a year ago, infections did not reach current levels until October and November in many parts of Canada, making some parents [a little more nervous](#) about what lies ahead for the new school year.

Wishing families a safe and happy return to school.

*Solarina Ho, CTVNews.ca writer*

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For more news on the coronavirus in Canada:

- [Vaccine tracker: How many people have received shots?](#)
- [Variant tracker: What are the strains and where are they?](#)
- [LIVE UPDATES: What's the latest in Canada and around the world today](#)

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**Unifor's website is constantly being updated as new information is provided. Unifor has many websites to direct you to for assistance.**

**Resources:**

Unifor COVID-19 Information and Resources: <https://www.unifor.org/covid19>

Government of Canada Outbreak Update: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Government of Canada Income Supports for Workers/Individuals:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

**Please also check the websites of your respective provinces for any additional provincial supports or resources that may be available to you.**

BCCDC website for Health info about COVID-19: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

**Health Issues: Dial 811 and follow your Provincial Protocols**

**Mental Health Issues: Dial 211 or access your EAP benefits:**

**Other useful websites with information**

**Federal Government Financial Support Resources:**

Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Canadians Outside of Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/emergency-info/financial-assistance/covid-19-financial-help>

Government of Canada Economic Plan & How to Apply for Support: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

COVID - 19 Employment and Social Development Canada Information Guide: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

Canada Revenue Agency COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/covid-19-employee-info.html>

**Provincial Government Financial Support Resources:**

BC Preparedness Response: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Income Assistance: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance>

Income Assistance Offices in the Lower Mainland: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/access-services#lowermainland>

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**Health & Preparation Resources:**

COVID-19: Being prepared: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Government of Canada Symptoms & Treatments: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment

Tool: <https://covid19.thrive.health/?fbclid=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVVMZc1LPbpgp5fUNIDFIK1Sc7yjhcc4aB>

Health Link BC & 811: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/about-8-1-1>

**Other Useful Links:**

World Health Organization Myth Busters: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

World Health Organization Public Advice: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Government of Canada, Community-based Measures: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>

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