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TO: Contracted partners

On October 21, 2021, the Ministry of Health announced a public health order (PHO), the [Hospital and Community \(Health Care and Other Services\) COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures](#).

This letter provides further clarity on the vaccine requirements as applied to contractors:

The following contractors **are included within the scope** of the [Hospital and Community Vaccine Mandate](#), and must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 26, 2021.

- A) Contractors that regularly (defined as at least once a month) provide care or services in a care location are included in the vaccine mandate and need to be vaccinated, including:
- Contractors that provide service in areas where patients/residents/healthcare providers are present, (e.g., dietary, kitchen, housekeeping or maintenance services).
 - Contractors who come into our sites regularly (defined as at least once a month), e.g. for regular maintenance activities.

The following contractors **are exempt from, or not included within the scope** of the [Hospital and Community Vaccine Mandate](#):

- A) Contractors working in a location outside B.C., who do not regularly (defined as less than once a month) work inside or outside of a care location or facility.
- B) Contractors who work remotely within B.C. and who do not regularly (defined as less than once a month) work inside or outside of a care location or facility.
- C) Contractors who work in a care location or facility occasionally (defined as less than once a month).
- D) Contractors who attend a care location or facility on a one-time basis (e.g. to fix a boiler or clean up a flood). Every effort should be made to keep these contractors separate from patients and health care workers, including masking and physical distancing.
- E) Contracted construction workers who are working in a location or capital project that is entirely separate from patients/residents/healthcare providers (e.g. barriers, hoarding, outdoor sites). Facilities including washrooms and food services must be accessible outside of the care location.
- F) Vendors or suppliers who are not present at care locations. If a vendor determines that their particular situation may be impacted, e.g. if they are on-site at a care location regularly (defined as at least once a month), they should notify Supply



Chain or PHSA to review details and for follow up with the appropriate hiring manager.

Thank you for your continued support. As there is more information and updates, we will share them with you.

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