I have been vaccinated, now what?

Check out this Immunize BC web page for your information needs and getting questions answered.

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The key message is everyone who receives the vaccine will still need to follow public health guidance and follow orders from the Provincial Health Officer. After you get a vaccine, it will still be extremely important to continue to practice all the preventive measures that have been recommended, including washing your hands, maintaining a safe physical distance, wearing a mask, and staying home when sick. There are several reasons this is important:

- It takes about 2 weeks for your body to gain protection from the COVID-19 vaccine. This means that if you contracted COVID-19 before getting the vaccine, or within the 2 week period following the vaccine, you may still get sick from COVID-19. So if you experience symptoms of COVID-19 after you've been vaccinated, use the [BC self-assessment tool](#) to determine if you need to be tested.
- The vaccine won't stop everyone from getting COVID-19. For those who do get the virus, it is less likely you will experience severe illness.
- The available vaccines are highly effective, but you could be in the small number of people that don't have immunity. You can still spread COVID-19 if you touch things and don't wash your hands or interact with people in close proximity.
- After receiving your COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to keep a copy of your immunization record. By registering for [Health Gateway](#), you will be able to access a digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccine record. The Health Gateway is a single place for BC residents to access their health records.

As things change, public health measures will be updated and adjusted. It is important to keep following public health recommendations.