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Dear Carmen Cho:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 5, 2021 regarding COVID-19 immunizations in British Columbia. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer. I apologize for the delay in communication.

I am pleased to confirm that, on March 18, 2021, K-12 sector staff has been identified as a priority group for receiving a COVID-19 immunization. Beginning in April, people in priority groups identified by public health and the COVID-19 Workplace Task Group will start to receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca/SII COVISHIELD (AZ/SII) vaccine. Further information regarding the announcement can be found here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0021-000504>.

Please note, each regional health authority is responsible for the administration of vaccines within their jurisdiction and they need to ensure they use their resources in the most expeditious and efficient way possible. This may sometimes cause minor adaptations to their processes and how they proceed with the priority lists. Given the differences within BC's regions, some health authorities may progress through BC's Immunization Plan faster or slower than others depending on rates of vaccine uptake, priority population sizes, and other factors. Additionally, each regional health authority is reaching out to various priority groups in different ways, and the timing for each might vary slightly. We are asking that people be patient and understanding about these small differences between regions.

To learn more about BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan, please see: www.gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine. For further information regarding COVID-19 vaccines, including

answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the Immunize BC website at: <https://immunizebc.ca/covid-19>.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

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pc: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

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