



Health and Social Services  
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**To: All Organizations Providing Services in High-Risk Settings, in Close Contact With Priority Populations Within the Yukon Health And Social Services Sector**

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of ensuring the services provided to Yukoners is safe – for clients, visitors and employees. People connected to high-risk settings and priority populations depend on your services and we know that their wellbeing and that of your staff, clients and visitors is important to you.

Based on recommendations from the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health (a/CMOH), Yukon workplaces with staff, contractors or volunteers, working in high-risk settings in close contact with priority populations are required to establish and implement an organizational policy related to vaccination for COVID-19 virus by November 30, 2021. The mandatory vaccination policy is anticipated as a regulation under *Public Health and Safety Act*.

Links to the Government of Yukon's new releases on November 10, 2021 and November 12, 2021 are included for your convenience. <https://yukon.ca/en/yukon.ca/vaccination-requirement#mandatory> and <https://yukon.ca/en/news/vaccination-requirements-designated-settings-introduced-protect-public-health>  
The Department of Health and Social Services is providing the accompanying minimum standards as an aid to help you develop your workplace vaccination policy. These minimum standards are provided with the understanding that they do not represent legal advice and are not be used as a replacement to legal advice. We will be scheduling meetings over Zoom very soon to share information with you and to provide further support.

We continue to be grateful for your continued efforts to persevere and offer important services in these unprecedented times.

Thank you,

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