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**Subject:** Foreign seafarers can obtain a COVID-19 vaccine in Canada

## *Purpose*

This bulletin is to let you know that COVID-19 vaccines remain available to everyone, including foreign seafarers, in Canada.

## *Scope*

This bulletin applies to:

- shipping companies and agents responsible for vessels calling to Canadian ports, and
- foreign seafarers

## *What you need to know*

COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada continue to be widely available. Please consult Ship Safety Bulletin [06/2022](#) for guidelines respecting the mobility of asymptomatic, presumed non-Covid-19 carrying seafarers.

Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect our families, communities, coworkers and ourselves against COVID-19. Vaccines used in Canada are very effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

Getting vaccinated can also reduce the likelihood of developing symptoms of post COVID-19 condition. Post COVID-19 condition, also known as long COVID, is when people still experience symptoms of COVID-19 for weeks or months after their initial recovery.

### **Keywords:**

1. COVID-19
2. Vaccine
3. Seafarer

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Learn more about:

- [COVID-19: Effectiveness and benefits of vaccination](#)
- [Post COVID-19 condition](#)

***How to get a vaccine***

Please consult the following websites that contain helpful information on how a foreign seafarer in Canada can obtain a COVID-19 vaccine.

- [Vaccines for COVID-19](#) – Information from the Government of Canada.
- [Seafarer Vaccinations in Canada](#) – website maintained by the Shipping Federation of Canada providing vaccine availability information at key locations across Canada, including Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Montreal, Trois Rivieres, Quebec, Saint John, and Halifax.
- [Covid-19 Vaccines for Seafarers](#) – website maintained by the North American Maritime Ministry Association providing vaccine availability information at key ports in Canada.
- [Immunization Information for Seafarers in BC](#) – website maintained by the Chamber of Shipping providing information on how seafarers can obtain a COVID-19 vaccine at ports in British Columbia.