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Re: Nurses and the Immunization and Emergency Health Provider Registry (EHPR). Please note this information was provided to us by the BC Government, Ministry of Health.

Key Messages:

- To help meet the need for additional health professionals and/or other occupations to support the province-wide COVID-19 immunization strategy, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has temporarily authorized expanded the scope of practice for certain health care professionals and other occupations to allow them to support the delivery of immunization-related activities.
- This has been enabled through two PHO Orders – one for Regulated and Unregulated Health Professionals, and another for Emergency Medical Assistants - which can be [found here](#). **Please note that these orders have recently been updated.**
- Health professionals and other eligible occupations who are interested in participating in the immunization campaign, including those authorized in the PHO orders, are able to register their interest online through the COVID-19 Emergency Health Provider Registry (EHPR).
- The COVID-19 EHPR is a provincial resource which health authorities can access as needed to connect with health professionals and/or other occupations who have indicated their ability to deploy during the public health emergency. At this time, the EHPR is open to a wide variety of health professionals (and firefighters), including those in the updated PHO orders.
- You can register online with the COVID-19 EHPR by visiting <https://forms.hlth.gov.bc.ca/registry-covid-19>. If you have questions about this process, please refer to the FAQs linked to the online registration form or email EHPRQuestions@gov.bc.ca for assistance.
- Please note – the EHPR is the first step in the process of expressing interest and is the centralized, coordinated resource for all health authorities. Health authorities will contact individuals on the EHPR in their region, and may then ask them to complete an additional, health authority-specific registration or application process, where they may ask to provide additional information (such as availability).
- Health authorities may also be posting specific positions or expressions of interest in the future. If you apply to those specific postings, you do not need to also sign up for the EHPR.
- Please note that we do not anticipate everyone included in this registry will be contacted. Deployment will be contingent on actual needs in each region, which may vary as the staffing process for clinics is finalized. Nonetheless, your expression of support is greatly appreciated.

For retired RNs:

- Retired RNs are included in the PHO order and are able to support immunizations, even if they do not have temporary emergency registration.
- If you are a retired RN, who is NOT registered with the College of Nurses and Midwives, ensure that you select the “Retired registered nurse” category in the EHPR.
- That category is located within the main “nursing” speciality field.
- First, select “Nursing” as your registrant speciality, then select “retired registered nurse without temporary registration” as the main speciality.

The screenshot shows the 'Registrant Speciality' section of the BC Government's online registration form. It features two dropdown menus: 'Registrant Speciality' (set to 'Nurse') and 'Main Speciality' (set to 'Retired Registered Nurse without temporary registration'). A list of other specialities is visible, including 'Clinical Nurse Educators', 'Licensed Practical Nurse', 'Nurse Practitioner', 'Registered Nurse', and 'Registered Psychiatric Nurse'. A note at the bottom states: 'All registrants, please select which best applies to you.' with 'Not Applicable' as an option.

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