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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update for the Southwestern Public Health Region

The following group has been added to the eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine in our region.

- **Childcare workers who are aged 18 or older, defined specifically as:**
 - Licensees, employees, and students on an educational placement who interact directly with children in licensed childcare centres and in authorized recreation and skill-building programs.
 - Licensed home childcare and in-home service providers, employees of a home childcare agency, and students on an educational placement who interact daily with children in a licensed home childcare setting.

Eligibility will be expanded to workers in unlicensed childcare settings by the Province in the near future.

How to book or pre-register:

- **If you operate a licensed childcare facility**, public health will soon contact you with details about how your workers can book their appointment.
- **If you operate or work in a childcare setting that is not licensed**, please pre-register as an essential workplace at [swpublichealth.ca/preregisteracohort](https://www.swpublichealth.ca/preregisteracohort). You are not yet eligible to book an appointment, but will be in the coming weeks.