

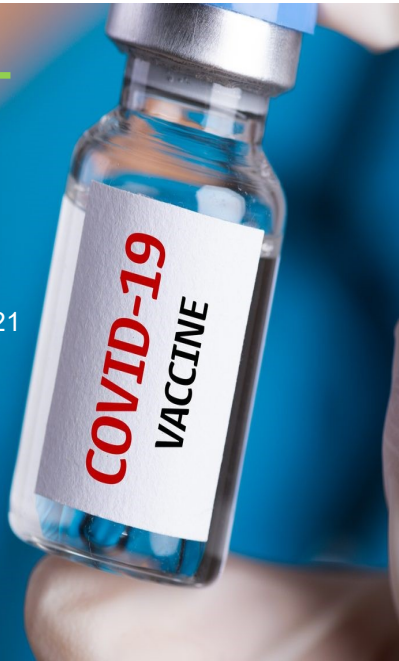


VACCINE CLINIC AT THE HUB IN ASHCROFT.

APRIL 26—30, 2021 AND MAY 3—6, 2021

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY—HAVE YOU BOOKED YOURS YET?

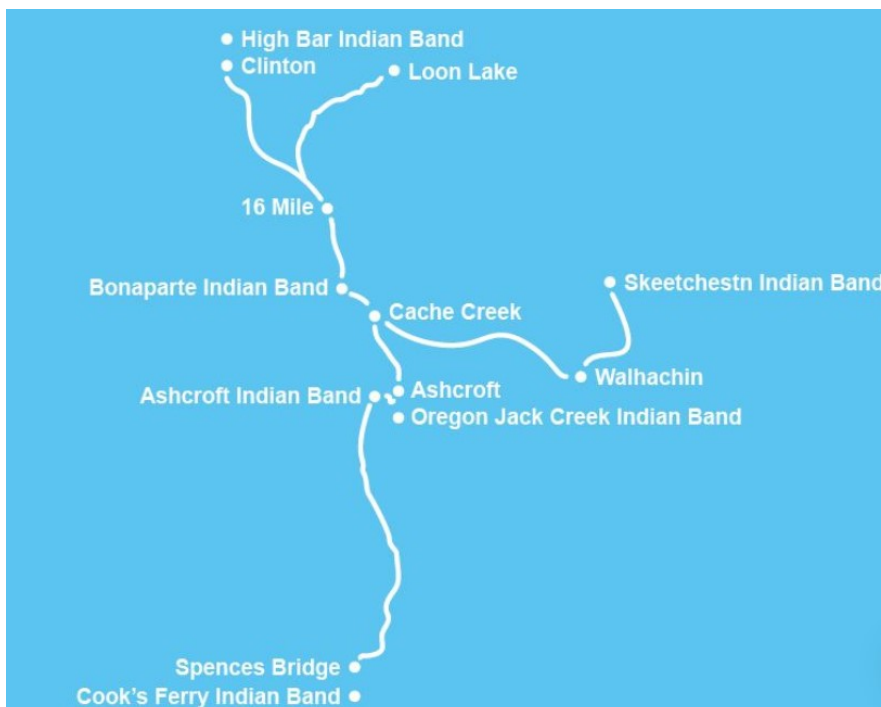
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Clinton is holding their clinic on April 15 to 19, 2021 At the Clinton Health Site

All locations shown on the blue map should be booking at one of these clinics to get your vaccine.

The province also has an online booking system but has been having problems. Try the phone number!



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Angela Migliari De Carvalho

Clinical Operations Manager
Ashcroft, Clinton and Logan Lake
Is the new manger located in
Ashcroft.

Angela has come from Williams Lake most recently, working for Interior Health. She has moved to our community— and is slowly becoming more familiar with the health sites and our communities, what we have to offer and what our needs are. Welcome Angela!

There are any number of Provincial groups that we could spend our time meeting with, I have engaged with some that I think will be helpful to our communities healthcare needs and concerns.

One of these groups is the ***Rural Citizens Perspective Committee.***

I was asked to share our experience working on the Healthcare Area Planning Table here in Ashcroft. It seems we might be leading the way for other rural communities. We seem to be further ahead in the discussions about different healthcare models and what might be a good fit for our communities.

These planning tables are happening throughout the province but so far we seem to be the only table who has a patient advocacy group (HAWC) representing the public from our communities at this table. Others will be citing us as an example to gain an invitation to the planning tables in their communities.

Laboratory in Ashcroft

- ◇ Laboratory Technicians in Ashcroft have been laid off or not replaced.

Only one Lab Assistant works Monday to Friday in Ashcroft to collect your specimens by physician orders. Appointments are required now due to COVID.

No Laboratory Technicians work in the emergency room on weekends.

Nurses are now responsible for the work that was completed by the technicians.

We have had numerous meetings and conversations with Interior Health to voice our concerns about the risks, including

Donna Lommer, VP Clinical & Corporate Services

Joanne Isber, the Program Director for Laboratory Services

and they listen but don't hear. They tell us this happened because they had NO lab techs left here, but after that they laid off the last one here.

They removed lab equipment and are not trying to recruit because 'they are so difficult to find'. But they didn't try, and laid one off.

They don't seem to understand that some Lab Techs like to work and play in rural BC.

And we deserve better!