VACCINES IN THE WORKPLACE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK



With BC exceeding its vaccination targets, regulations lifting and the reintegration of employees to the workplace on the horizon, employers are now faced with trying to navigate the changing dynamic of vaccines and the workplace. We anticipate that changes to legislation could happen on short notice and have created this Round-Up to help employers stay informed in a situation that is so rapidly evolving.

Here are a few important things I thought worth sharing this week:

IN THE NEWS

National

- 1. "Help wanted: vaccination not required": New job platforms for unvaccinated Canadians gain popularity.

 Global News December 9, 2021 read the article here.
- 2. Canada finalizing proposed mandatory COVID-19 vaccination regulations for federally regulated workplaces.

 Canadian Lawyer December 14, 2021 read the article here.

British Columbia

- 3. BC Health Minister questions self-regulation for chiropractors after Chiropractors' association votes to "take a stand" against expanding vaccine mandates. CBC December 10, 2021 read the article here.
- Vancouver Fire Fighter's union reaches temporary deal to keep unvaccinated members on the job. Vancouver Sun – December 9, 2021 - read the article <u>here</u>.

Alberta

- 5. More legal challenges to workplace vaccine mandates likely, says Alberta employment lawyer. **Edmonton Journal December 12, 2021** read the article **here**.
- 6. Unvaccinated Calgary officers to receive free rapid test kits through government program. Calgary Herald December 9, 2021 read the article here.

Saskatchewan

 Saskatchewan Trucking Association concerned the federal government's new vaccine mandate for transportation workers will exacerbate ongoing driver shortages and supply chain challenges. Regina Leader-Post – December 14, 2021 - read the article here.

I hope you found this Round-Up helpful. If you have any questions relating to the reopening of your business or reintegration of your staff – our Workplace Law group is here to assist.

If you are seeing this Round-Up for the first time, you can read previous issues here.



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