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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Following a request from VCH late yesterday, two ACCS facilities, Carnegie Community Centre and Gathering Place Community Centre, will be supporting VCH in hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics tomorrow. The clinics will reopen on Saturday should vaccine supplies allow. These are part of the effort to vaccinate the priority vulnerable populations in the DTES and Downtown South. Clinics will be open to community members, patrons, as well as some front-line staff at these centres who meet eligibility requirements as set by VCH. The selection of the sites and eligibility criteria are determined by VCH and based on numerous risk factors including interrupting likely or existing COVID-19 transmission and available vaccine supply.

Additional vaccination clinics are being planned in the DTES and Downtown South to continue these efforts, and the criteria will widen in the future as more vaccine becomes available. Residents and service providers in the DTES and Downtown South are prioritized in the first two phases of BC's vaccine plan, even if they aren't included in the clinics mentioned above. These are the first clinics at City of Vancouver facilities and are a great opportunity for us to support VCH's effort to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Please note that we are deferring to VCH on any public communication related to these clinics. Eligible City staff are in the process of being notified this afternoon.

Best,  
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