



# STAFF VACCINE MANDATES

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# CONSIDERATIONS

Vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19

The vaccines used in B.C. are highly effective against COVID-19, including among variants of concern

Everyone eligible is strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated

Staff in the education sector are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated to protect themselves, their families, and other staff and students within school settings in which they work

# CONSIDERATIONS

- ! People who are not vaccinated are at higher risk of getting and spreading COVID-19
- ! The value of mandating vaccination for staff may be limited where community vaccine coverage is already high, and schools are following COVID-19 safety plans
- ! While higher community vaccine coverage will result in lower risk in schools, schools may safely operate with lower than 100% vaccine coverage
- ! Vaccine mandates are currently being required in settings with high risk of transmission/severe outcomes – schools are low risk, and have low risk attendees

# VACCINE COVERAGE BY AGE GROUP, AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2021



# FRASER HEALTH CLUSTER ANALYSIS, SEP 7 – OCT 14, 2021

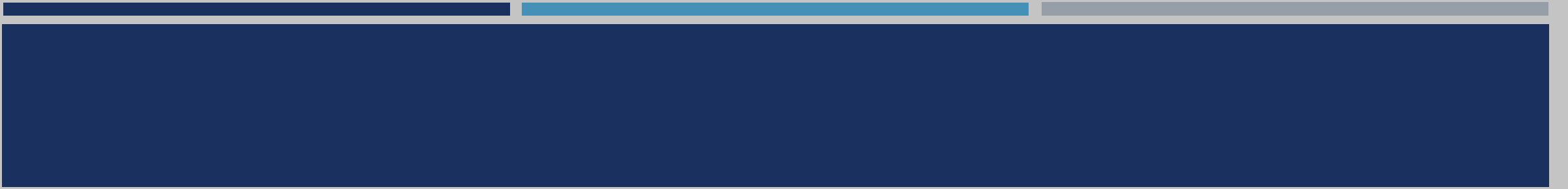
- ! 2009 school-associated cases of COVID-19 in Fraser Region schools
  - ! 210 cases were staff (10.5% of total school-associated cases)
  - ! Approximately 50% of staff cases were vaccinated, 50% unvaccinated
- ! 104 clusters were identified, 22 (21%) involved staff
  - ! Staff were the index cases in 12 of these clusters (11.5% of total clusters), and included both unvaccinated and vaccinated staff
- ! Key takeaway: students, rather than staff, are majority of cases and primarily drive in-school transmission

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