

Island Health Medical Staff Updates—March 30, 2021

[BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports](#)

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since March 25 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	840	4,266	7,062	312 (78)	99,035	1,455
Island Health	39	236	389	13 (1)	3,277	29

[PHO/MHO News Release](#), [BC COVID-19 Dashboard](#), [BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)

New Cases:

- March 30: [22 south island cases, 12 central island cases, 4 north island cases](#)
- March 27-29: [77 south island cases, 56 central island cases, 7 north island cases](#)
- March 26: [23 south island cases, 30 central island cases, 6 north island cases](#)

BCCDC changed their data reporting system and there may be discrepancies as the new system is established

[COVID-19 Weekly Immunization Update](#)

- As of March 29th - 127, 573 vaccinations have been completed with 114, 947 people receiving at least one dose, and estimated 15.6% of the population is immunized.
- Medical staff can express interest in vaccinating by completing the [online form](#).
- Based on the [recommendations](#) of National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine has been paused in BC for those under 55 due to rare events of vaccine-induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopenia (VIPIT). The occurrence of this has been reported to be 1-10 in 1,000,000 people vaccinated. 430 doses of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD have been provided within Island Health.

- [BCCDC recommendations for AstraZeneca and COVIDSHIELD vaccines](#): including recommendations for physicians who patients received AstraZeneca and treatment for VIPIT.
- A [summary](#) of SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern from the BCCDC.
- All COVID-19 cases identified are screened within Island Health labs for the common mutation of the three main variants of concern. Case and contact management teams follow specific guidance for management of variants of concern cases and contacts. Confirmatory testing is performed by BCCDC.
- [Immunization Milestone - 100,000 Island Health Residents Vaccinated!](#)
Island Health and our partners are celebrating a historic milestone, as more than 100,000 residents in our region have now received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- [Island Health public health and MHSU teams partner to provide vaccine to people experiencing homelessness](#)
Outreach teams have been offering the COVID-19 vaccine since early March to community members that experience homelessness or use shelters. As of March 23rd, 903 first doses were provided to unhoused people in 10 communities across the Island Health region.

[COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)

- [COVID-19 Outbreak at Longlake Chateau Independent Living in Nanaimo | Update](#)
Island Health's outbreak response has identified three additional cases of COVID-19 related to the outbreak declared at Longlake Chateau independent living facility in Nanaimo.

[PHO orders: New and Amended PHO Orders and Guidelines are in Effect Through April 19, 2021](#)

- The Provincial Health Officer is amending the provincial public health orders effective today, March 30, 2021.

[Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living](#)

- Effective April 1st, updated Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living

COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)
- [COVID-19 Cases in Healthcare Workers in BC](#)

[PharmaNet Conformance using Multi Factor Authentication | Update](#)

- The final implementation date for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is postponed to May 4, 2021.

[Changes to BPMH Documentation and Impact to Medication Reconciliation](#)

[Physician Learning Project on Psychedelics & Complementary Techniques](#)

- Learn about emerging therapies in mental health and wellness, with a focus on psychedelic medicine and complementary techniques in psychotherapy.

[Primary Care Grand Rounds - Presentation from March 25th](#)

- Dr. Jane McKay's presentation on post Covid-19 care in BC is now available online.

Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update: COVID-19](#)

The Island Health region achieved an important milestone at the end of last week with 100,000 first doses issued – approximately 15% of the region is immunized against COVID-19.

- [Rural Continuing Medical Education Community Program E-newsletter](#)

Including RCME Implementation, Virtual BC Rural Health Conference May 29 & 30, 2021, Rural Leadership Development Program, BC Virtual Health Grand Rounds & more.

Leadership and Quality Improvement Education Program Opportunities:

- [Physician Quality Improvement program is now accepting applications for their sixth Cohort](#)

PQI is a 12 month professional development program for family physicians, specialists, nurse practitioners and midwives that pairs medical staff with expert faculty coaches and data analysts to learn QI by leading an improvement project.

- [Physician Leadership Program - UBC Sauder School of Business now accepting Expression of Interests](#)

Sauder targets physicians who are taking on senior leadership roles in their health authority, and aims to help develop the leadership skills they need to effectively engage in the planning, delivery and transformation of BC's health system.

- [Rural Physician Leadership Development Program now accepting applications](#)

Increasing opportunities for rural physicians to pursue leadership training and mentorship opportunities to develop the skills and abilities to help bring systems improvements that will benefit British Columbia's rural populations.

President & CEO Message:

- [President & CEO and Chief MHO Joint Update | Monday March 29, 2021](#)
- [President & CEO and Chief MHO Joint Update | Friday March 26, 2021](#)

Upcoming new webinars, rounds, events and courses:

- [COVID-19 Update: Expert Q&A with Public Health, Vaccine, Epidemiology and Lab Specialists | Wednesday March 31, 18:30 - 20:00](#)
- [Department Head Council | Thursday April 1, 07:00 08:00](#)
- [Cognitive Health Initiative Dementia Neuroimaging Rounds | Thursday April 1, 16:00 - 17:00](#)
- [Explore@Four | Thursday April 1, 16:00 - 17:00](#)

All upcoming events found on the [Calendar of Events page](#).

The next email bulletin will occur **April 1** unless urgent updates are required. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

