

BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since June 24 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	44	275	816	108 (34)	147,621	1,754
Island Health	1	3	18	6 (3)	5,160	41

** Data from BCCDC public dashboard

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

Island Health dashboard for new cases:

- **June 30:** [1 south island case, 0 central island case, 0 north island cases](#)
- **June 29:** [0 south island cases, 3 central island case, 0 north island cases](#)
- **June 26-28:** [0 south island cases, 3 central island cases, 0 north island cases](#)
- **June 25:** [4 south island cases, 1 central island case, 0 north island cases](#)

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- No new outbreaks

COVID-19 Vaccination:

- [mRNA Vaccine Effectiveness \(VE\): 1st Dose](#)

Research led by Dr. Danuta Showronski and the BCCDC team provides BC estimates that show how effective a single dose of mRNA vaccine is when it comes to protection against the Gamma variant. The study period focused on is April - May 2021, during the peak Alpha and Gamma variant wave in BC. Community-based, 70+ year olds, was the population for this study.

- [Updated: Second dose considerations for those who received AstraZeneca or COVISHIELD for first dose COVID-19 immunization](#)

The updated recommendations are based on current evidence and NACI’s expert opinion. People who received AstraZeneca or COVISHIELD vaccine for their first dose may be offered the option of receiving either AstraZeneca or an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) for their second dose. Current evidence suggests a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine followed by a second dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech was used in studies) is safe at shorter (4-week) and longer (8-to 12-week) intervals.

Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 1st Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) 2nd Dose To Date
850,313	77.6%	76.5%	31.8%

PHO COVID-19 Updates:

- [Provincial Health Officer Provides new modeling COVID-19 modeling Update](#)

New June modeling update for COVID-19 in BC includes geographic distribution of COVID-19, 7 day total case counts by local health area, average daily rate of new cases per 100,000 population by local health area, approximate distribution of %VOC by Health Authority, vaccination progress in BC by age group and more.

- [B.C. shifts to Step 3 of restart plan](#)

With British Columbians achieving nearly 80% adult Dose 1 vaccine coverage and COVID-19 case counts continuing to decline, the Province is safely moving to Step 3 of its four-step restart plan on July 1, 2021.



COVID-19 Updates:

- **South Island Covid-19 Assessment Clinic Hours Change**

Referrals to the two South Island COVID-19 Assessment Clinics have been on the decline. As a result, clinic hours will be reduced to half days Sunday to Friday, starting July 5th. Appointments continue to require a referral from a primary care provider.

- [COVID-19 Assessment Clinic Referral Form](#)

- [Clinical Guidance on COVID- 19 Vaccines for People with Significant Neuromuscular Conditions & Disorders](#)

COVID-19 immunization is not contraindicated and should be encouraged for patients with neuromuscular conditions requiring respiratory support and disorders receiving Immunosuppressive/ Immunomodulating Therapy, including those who have had COVID-19 infection.

- [Clinical Guidance on COVID- 19 Vaccines for Persons with Autoimmune Rheumatic Disease \(ARD\)](#)

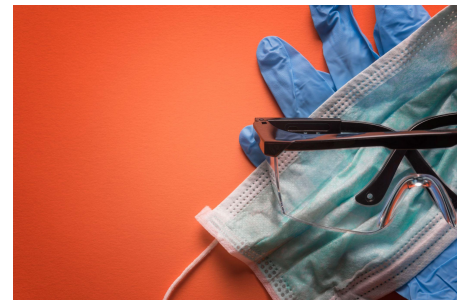
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- [Updated Eye Protection FAQ](#)

Updated information on General Eye Protection that applies to all areas of work and care environments. New questions and answers highlighted in green. Recent questions and answers highlighted in yellow. Updated response highlighted in blue.

- [Mask Policy after July 1st](#)

The provincial policy on masking in healthcare facilities (which also includes immunization clinics) is still in effect after July 1st.



COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)

- [COVID-19 Situation Report](#)

Newsletters:

- [June 2021 Research Dispatch](#)

Topics around Notice of Upcoming Funding Call, Current Funding Opportunities, Request for Proposals, Recommended Reading, Five Days in May Recordings, Upcoming Events & Participation Opportunities.

- [Primary Care Update](#)

Yesterday, Premier John Horgan announced that BC is moving into Step 3 of the Restart Plan and lifting the state of emergency at midnight tonight. Dr. Bonnie Henry also said the vaccination program is the game changer that has allowed us to move forward. With BC's vaccination coverage amongst the highest in the world, we have collectively transformed our ability to live safely with COVID-19.

Spotlight:

- [Hospital at Home Makes the Front Page](#)

Island Health's Hospital at Home made the front page of the June/July edition of Canadian Healthcare Technology magazine.



Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Tuesday June 29](#)
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Monday June 28](#)

Kathy MacNeil CEO Message:

- [Organizational Update from the CEO](#)

Kathy MacNeil reflects on the COVID-19 pandemic, Island Health's success dealing with the pandemic, Vancouver Island residents coming together to help combat COVID-19, showing their respect to health care heroes, and a reminder to reconnect with loved ones and to be happy and healthy.



If you wish to add a Calendar Event to your personal Outlook Calendar, click this button at the top of the calendar pop-up



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

The next email bulletin will occur **Wednesday July 07** unless urgent updates are required.
The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

If you have any questions, please email MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca

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