



### BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since September 15 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
<b>BC</b>	759	4,457	5,458	324(157)	180,937	1,910
<b>Island Health</b>	79	541	636	35(20)	8,020	59

\*\* 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:

- Sep 22: [9 North Island Cases, 21 Central Island Cases, 46 South Island](#)
- Sep 21: [3 North Island Cases, 12 Central Island Cases, 28 South Island](#)
- Sep 18-20: [18 North Island Cases, 80 Central Island Cases, 124 South Island](#)
- Sep 17: [7 North Island Cases, 34 Central Island Cases, 73 South Island](#)
- Sep 16: [2 North Island Cases, 30 Central Island Cases, 57 South Island](#)

### COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- [Outbreak declared at Victoria Chinatown Care Centre Long-Term Care](#)

Island Health's outbreak response has identified two cases of COVID-19 at Victoria Chinatown Care Centre Long-Term Care, declaring an outbreak.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Information:**

- [Medical Staff Reminder: Updating your Vaccination Status](#)

Any medical staff that received their first and second dose prior to April 3, 2021 will likely need to update their immunization status by using the record submission form available at:

<https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/>

- **ImmunizeBC is our source of truth for medical staff vaccination status.**
- Prior to April 3, Island Health was utilizing CERNER to capture who had been vaccinated. Consistent with provincial orders, there are many medical staff that would have received their first and more than likely their second dose before <https://immunizebc.ca/> went live.



- [Valid contraindications and deferrals to COVID-19 vaccination](#)

BC College of Physicians and Surgeons guidance on contraindications and deferrals.

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
1,312,424	89.7%	89.3%	83.2%

### **COVID-19 Updates:**

- [Changes to the Adult COVID-19 Site Planning Procedure](#)

The Adult COVID-19 Site Planning, Cohorting, HLOC Transport and Repatriation procedure has been updated with changes to the transport criteria for COVID-19 positive patients and to cohorting practices within Island Health acute care sites.

- [Unstable Housing Population: COVID-19 MHSU Services and Supports](#)

Memo from Mental Health Substance Use (MHSU) leadership to clarify services and service hours of MHSU staff and teams supporting people during the COVID-19 response who have unstable housing.

#### COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)
- [COVID-19 Situation Report](#)
- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence](#)

#### B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 22](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 21](#)

#### Spotlight:

- [Partnering in Primary Care | A message from Dr. Ian Thompson to Medical Staff](#)

As we continue to work together, support each other and inspire those around us, my sincerest thanks to medical staff serving in primary care. I appreciate you choosing to partner and practice with Island Health. Primary Care has expanded capacity over the last year, contracting or hiring approximately 131 full-time equivalents across our PCNs and UPCCs, including dozens of new General Practitioners and Nurse Practitioners in 2020-21.



- [Island Health Email Addresses Are Changing](#)

- On September 28th, your primary email address switches to "@islandhealth.ca".
- After the cutover, your @viha.ca address will still be able to receive emails; this will give you time to advise anyone who is still using @viha.ca to update their contact to @islandhealth.ca.
  - Follow the link to learn about easy steps you can take to smooth the transition.



- [LearningHub account access changes to @islandhealth.ca on Sept 28th](#)

As part of Island Health's internal domain change, all Island Health email addresses in LearningHub (i.e., email addresses that end in @viha.ca) will be updated to @islandhealth.ca.

- [Comox Valley businesses offer thanks to immunizing teams and other health care workers while raising funds for the Healthcare Foundation](#)

A number of businesses in the Comox Valley have been recognizing and praising the hard work and commitment of our vaccination teams.

- [Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC - Truth Before Reconciliation Learning Series](#)

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC is offering the first webinar of the **Truth Before Reconciliation** series, taking place on **September 27 at 10am**.

- [Recognizing the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

This year, on what we have known as Orange Shirt Day, people will be coming together on the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is not a day of celebration, but a day to remember, to pause and to act.



- [Hospital at Home roadshow!](#)

On a beautiful Sunday morning, Hospital at Home staff loaded up their fleet vehicle and took to the road... but this time, it wasn't business as usual! Instead of making a home visit with a HaH patient, the fleet vehicle made its way to the 3rd Annual South Island Physicians BBQ.

## IHealth:

- [Clinical Documentation will go-live at RJH in two steps, starting Monday, September 20](#)

## Newsletter:

- [MHO Newsletter No. 335](#)

We continue to see a stark differential in incidence and severity based on vaccination status; this update provides a breakdown of cases reported from Aug 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

- [Primary Care Update](#)

This edition includes information on the significant acute care pressures reducing capacity across the system as COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations continue to rise during the 4th wave.

**Island Health End of Day Message:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Sept 21](#)  
Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry noted on September 21st, that hospitals are seeing an increase of pregnant women in intensive care units, and urged mothers-to-be to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Sept 20](#)  
The highly contagious Delta variant of concern that has taken over the world now accounts for close to 100 percent of all cases in B.C.
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Sept 17](#)  
The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched our health human resources and forced the health system to work in ways it hasn't before. Island Health teams have come together to make daily decisions around the provision of care within these realities. We trust the decisions you're making, and encourage you to continue this difficult and important work to meet the needs of our patients.



**Upcoming Events & education opportunities:**

- [BC Surgical Prehabilitation Outcomes Session | Thursday Sept 23, 08:00-10:00](#)
- [Primary Care Grand Rounds | Thursday Sept 23, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Sept 23, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Calciphylaxis | BC Renal Rounds | Friday Sept 24, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [Acute Pancreatitis | Grand Rounds | Friday Sept 24, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [UBC Department Of Pediatrics | Friday Sept 24, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BCCDC Grand Rounds - Two-dose SARS-CoV-2 vaccine effectiveness in British Columbia \(BC\), Canada. | Tuesday Sept 28, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Sept 29, 12:00-13:00](#)

**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 September 29** unless additional updates are necessary. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

If you have any questions, please email [MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca) (Note: [MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffEngagement@viha.ca) email changed to [MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca](mailto:MedStaffCommunications@viha.ca) )

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