



**BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports**

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since September 22 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
<b>BC</b>	813	5,308	6,185	340(146)	186,245	1,953
<b>Island Health</b>	82	537	704	31(17)	8,557	68

\*\* 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 29: [8 North Island Cases, 31 Central Island Cases, 45 South Island](#)
- Sep 28: [5 North Island Cases, 42 Central Island Cases, 29 South Island](#)
- Sep 25-27: [14 North Island Cases, 99 Central Island Cases, 103 South Island](#)
- Sep 24: [1 North Island Cases, 24 Central Island Cases, 41 South Island](#)
- Sep 23: [7 North Island Cases, 36 Central Island Cases, 26 South Island](#)

## COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- No new outbreaks.

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

- [Reminder: People need the BC Vaccine Card to access certain settings](#)

As of Sept. 27, 2021, the BC Vaccine Card will be the only acceptable proof of vaccination for British Columbians to enjoy certain businesses and recreational events safely.

- [Update on Mandatory Vaccinations](#)

September 27, 2021 – Deadline for First Dose of Vaccine If you have not received your first vaccination dose, please do so immediately.

Monday, October 25, 2021 – Deadline for Second Dose of Vaccine After you have received dose one, you must receive your second dose on or before October 25, 2021.



- [Collecting Vaccination Information - COVID-19](#)

Information in regards to Island Health collecting HCW vaccination information, what information is collected and privacy concerns.

- [Updated PHO Order - COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order](#)

Updates include new information for contractors and operators, Minister of Health section removed, changes to section K regarding outside providers and more.

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

This document explains contraindications and deferrals for COVID-19 mRNA vaccines Pfizer & Moderna, as well viral vector vaccine AstraZeneca. Any deferral or contraindication related to an adverse event following immunization (AEFI) with COVID-19 vaccine must be reported for evaluation through the formal process for public health review and recommendations for subsequent doses.

Island Health region	% Population Immunized (18+)	% Population Immunized (12+)	% Population Immunized (18+)
Total Vaccines Administered	1st Dose To Date	1st Dose To Date	2nd Dose To Date

To Date			
<b>1,323,137</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>84.2%</b>

**COVID-19 Updates:**

- **[Expedited COVID-19 Testing Process for Medical Staff](#)**

Symptomatic Medical Staff and other Providers who provide direct patient care can call the health care worker COVID-19 testing line **1-833-737-9377 – seven days a week - 8AM - 4PM**. Additional temporary measures to escalate if testing wait times present operational challenges are outlined.



- **[COVID-19 Update Zoom Event for Primary Care](#)**

October 7, 2021 @ 6:30 to 7:30pm PT Dr. Sandra Allison & Dr. Mike Benusic will be providing a Medical Health Officer update alongside their colleagues from Infection Prevention and Control, Dr. Pamela Kibsey and Lisa Young. [Ask a question in advance?](#) #PrimaryCOVID

- **[Updated COVID-19 Risk, Exposure and Return to Work Documents](#)**

These documents provide information about health-care workers exposed or confirmed with a case of COVID-19, what safety precautions were not taken / what precautions need to be taken and how to assess if a health care worker can return to work vs can't return to work.

- **[Updated: BCCDC Clinical Guidance Documents COVID-19](#)**

Updated guidance and information on COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination resources for health care professionals in the province of British Columbia.

- **[How B.C. counts its daily COVID-19 cases in hospitals](#)**

All COVID-19 patients in B.C. who require any form of hospital care are counted as one case in daily totals when they first enter a facility.

- **[Updated: Order of the PHO - Face Coverings COVID-19](#)**

Updated information in regards to face coverings in indoor public spaces. The age lowered from 12 to 9 years old, when it comes to kids and face mask exemption, masks don't need to be worn if a barrier is in place to prevent droplets from spreading, and much more.

**COVID-19 Reports:**

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

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

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 29](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Sept 28](#)

**Truth and Reconciliation:**

- [Cultural Learning Challenge – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Hospitals across Island Health will be lit up with orange lights on September 30th in recognition of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

- [Joint statement on Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Premier John Horgan and Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, have issued the following joint statement to commemorate Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



- [Truth and Reconciliation at WCGH](#)

Ahead of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, individuals gathered at West Coast General Hospital, on the territories of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples. Visitors acknowledged the wisdom, culture and traditions of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nation.

- [Truth and Reconciliation at CRG](#)

People joined at North Island Hospital, on the territories of the Liqwilda'xw peoples, inclusive of the Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai and Kwiakah First Nations, to reflect ahead of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

**Spotlight:**

- [Eunice Joe to serve as Acting VP Indigenous Health and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#)

Island Health is pleased to share with you that Eunice Joe has agreed to serve as Acting Vice-President, Indigenous Health and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the remainder of Dawn Thomas' secondment to the Ministry of Health.

- [Victoria Hospitals Foundation Annual Report 2020-21](#)

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation is honoured to share our Annual Report with you. The report includes highlights of the equipment and projects funded by donors – including \$7 million to equip and build the Island's first permanent High Acuity Unit and almost \$1 million for research, special projects and education.

- [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.



- [Doctors Stanwick, Benusic and Ahmad take the Upside on CHEK News](#)

Dr. Richard Stanwick, Dr. Mike Benusic and Dr. Omar Ahmad were all on CHEK TV's 'Upside' feature on the News last Friday evening. CHEK's Ed Bain and Jeff King were at Royal Jubilee Hospital to pay tribute to the continued dedication and hard work of all health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Specialist Services Committee Meeting Highlights September 16](#)

Key Highlights from the SCC meeting that took place on September 16, 2021.

#### **Newsletters:**

- [Primary Care Update - September 29, 2021](#)

This edition includes information on COVID-19 booster vaccinations, links for the COVID-19 Primary Care Update Zoom Session on Oct. 7, and resources for infection prevention and control.

#### **Island Health End of Day & CEO Message:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Sept 28, 2021](#)

Dr. Henry says starting next week, BC will begin offering booster doses to residents in long-term care, in conjunction with providing immunization against influenza. She says the data shows timing of this booster dose should be six months after the second dose.

- [FROM THE CEO: Update Regarding Mandatory Vaccinations](#)

Thank you to all who made the decision to be vaccinated. Your actions help protect you and your colleagues; and the patients, clients and residents of Island Health.

**Upcoming Events & education opportunities:**

- [Ethics Lunch & Learn | Wednesday October 6, 12:00-12:45](#)
- [Recent advances in the management of chronic kidney disease: New therapies to improve patient outcomes | Friday Oct 1, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [CSBC Series on Advancing Cardiac Care in BC – Part 1: BC Symposium on Cardiogenic Shock \(Online\) | Tuesday Oct 5, 17:00-19:15](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Oct 6, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Dr. Sandra Allison & Dr. Mike Benusic Primary Care Update | Thursday Oct 7, 18:30-19:30](#)

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

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



The next email bulletin will occur **Wednesday October 6** unless additional updates are necessary. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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