



- [Provincial State of Emergency - Reducing Fuel Use](#)

As part of the Provincial State of Emergency, the BC government is taking steps to protect essential services on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland through restricting fuel. Island Health is undertaking planning to reduce our fuel use wherever possible, and is asking staff to do their part.

- [State of Emergency Update: Flooding and Gas Shortage](#)

For most medical staff, 30 litres of fuel per fill will be more than sufficient to carry out work functions. In very limited circumstances, medical staff may have to drive personal vehicles significant distances for work purposes and may be eligible to receive a credentialing letter to allow for exemption from the 30L fuel limit. Please note that work purposes means driving between work locations; driving from home to work does not qualify.

COVID 19 Cases:

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since November 17 (last bulletin)	Active Cases	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths

BC	322	2,652	3,015	318(109)	216,334	2,313
Island Health	42	776	421	51(12)	12,286	119

** 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:

- Nov 24: [16 North Island Cases, 13 Central Island Cases, 6 South Island](#)
- Nov 23: [9 North Island Cases, 24 Central Island Cases, 8 South Island](#)
- Nov 20-22: [32 North Island Cases, 89 Central Island Cases, 53 South Island](#)
- Nov 19: [18 North Island Cases, 52 Central Island Cases, 8 South Island](#)
- Nov 18: [13 North Island Cases, 43 Central Island Cases, 2 South Island](#)

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- [Island Health declares COVID-19 outbreaks over at NRGH, Chartwell Malaspina Care Centre long-term care home](#)

Island Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreaks over at the Transitional Care Unit at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and at Chartwell Malaspina Care Centre long-term care home in Nanaimo.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

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
1,432,777	92.9%	92.7%	89.7%

- [Joint statement on Health Canada approval of COVID-19 pediatric vaccine](#)

Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, have issued the following statement regarding Health Canada's approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children aged five to 11.

- [Safe, effective COVID-19 pediatric vaccine available for children aged 5-11](#)

Children in British Columbia 5 to 11 years old will soon have access to Pfizer's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine.

- [Updated: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical Guidance](#)

This document provides guidance regarding frequently asked questions related to clinical aspects of COVID-19 vaccination. Questions #1.5 and 1.9 have been updated.

- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Hospital and Community COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures](#)

Updates include addition of Community Living BC and student health services in post-secondary institutions as a care location.

- [Updated: Guidance Document on the Management of Inadvertent Vaccine Errors](#)

This document provides guidance for when COVID-19 vaccine is administered incorrectly, how to report it and how to prevent it from happening again. Vaccine administration errors can include wrong injection sites on the body, patients younger than approved (updated to 5+ year olds being approved), two doses given too close together, and higher dose than authorized.



COVID-19 Updates:

- [Updated: Order of the Provincial Health Officer: Gatherings & Events](#)

This document has been updated in (Section C) number 4 “A person must not participate in an inside event”, number 5 of (Section C) “Up to 100% seating and standing capacity may be used for the purpose of an outdoor or indoor event, number 9 (Section C) “Details in how participants may operate within these events”, Changes to (Section D) “Proof of Vaccination”, this and more.

- [Clinical Practice Guide for the Use of REGEN-COV in Inpatients with COVID-19](#)

This document explains COV (casirivimab + imdevimab) is RECOMMENDED for inpatients who are: Hospitalized with a confirmed COVID-19 infection and severely ill from symptoms and who can receive REGEN-COV within 10 days of symptom onset and are seronegative for COVID-19 anti-spike antibody as confirmed by serological testing within the 10-day symptom window, irrespective of COVID-19 vaccine status or, if serology results are delayed, be very likely to be seronegative due to being.

- [Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products](#)

Information was updated about Pediatric populations – 5 to 11 years of age, COMIRNATY vaccine information added (Pediatric), Astrazeneca - Adverse Events has been updated to include rare cases of Guillain-Barré Syndrome and much more.

- [Clinical Practice information for use of REGEN-COV in COVID-19 inpatients](#)

The BC COVID-19 Therapeutics Committee (BC CTC) finished work on a Clinical Practice Guide for use of REGEN-COV in COVID-19 inpatients. This is a comprehensive document, and it gives an excellent summary of the scientific data and rationale for each component of the recommendation.

COVID-19 Reports:

- [BCCDC COVID-19 LTC, AL & Independent Living Report](#)
- [Situation Report](#)
- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence | Nov 24](#)
- [Geographic distribution of COVID-19 by local health area of case residence | Nov 17](#)

B.C. COVID-19 pandemic updates:

- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Nov 24](#)
- [B.C. COVID-19 pandemic update | Nov 23](#)

Spotlight:

- [Island Health – Best Team Ever!](#)

The Island Health family once again showed commitment, nimbleness and problem solving skills last week as our province declared its third state of emergency this year.

- [Malahat Shuttle Ending](#)

Island Health is discontinuing the Malahat Shuttle following trips on November 19th .

- [Victoria General Hospital Lights Up!](#)

Victoria General Hospital celebrated World Prematurity Day on November 17th by lighting up!

- [Lunch and Learn in Campbell River during National Addictions Awareness Week](#)

This year, National Addictions Awareness Week takes place from November 21-27.

- [How's Your Movember Going?](#)

Throughout the month of Movember, many Island Health staff and medical staff put down their razors and let their Mo's grow!

- [Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative Seeking Medical Staff on Advisory Committee](#)

Island Health is looking for 3 or 4 medical staff to participate on the Advisory Committee for the Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative (CGII). It may require 4 meetings of 2 hours each, between November 2021 and April 2022.

Representation for the North Island, LTC and Family Practice would be ideal.

Compensation for your time will be available for eligible medical staff. For more information on the CGII, please log-on and view the [CGII Intranet Page](#). **Please**

express your interest by email to the MedStaffDevelopment inbox

MedStaffDevelopment@islandhealth.ca **ASAP and no later than December**

1st, 2021. For more information please contact Sandra.Bjola@islandhealth.ca



IHealth News:

- [Medical staff 'paying it back, paying it forward'](#)

Physicians rounding together during the first days of 'go-live' in early October at Victoria General Hospital (VGH) were able to share perspectives from the IHealth project's past, present, and future transition to electronic clinical documentation.

Island Health Newsletters:

- [Long-Term Care Newsletter - NOVEMBER 2021](#)

In this edition, you will learn more about: Flu Prevention, History of Violence – new language for communicating risk in LTC, HCAP graduates arriving to LTC and new clinical nurse educators.

**Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 23](#)
- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Nov 19](#)

Medical Leader Announcements:

- [Welcome Dr. Michael Schachter | Division Head, Renal Services](#)
- [Welcome Scott Fielding | Executive Director, Quality Safety and Improvement](#)
- [Welcome Dr. Taranjit Tung | Medical Lead, Campbell River General](#)

Upcoming Events & education opportunities:

- [Explore@Four@Noon | Thursday Nov 25, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Relational Elements of Collaborations: FNHA-Island Health COVID-19 Response | Thursday November 25, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Choosing Wisely at Island Health: Virtual Symposium | Friday Nov 26, 08:00-11:30](#)
- [Medicine Grand Rounds | Friday Nov 26, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [Evidence-into-Practice Awards Ceremony 2021 | Friday Nov 26, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday Dec 1, 12:00-13:00](#)

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 **December 1st** 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

Health, Wellness & Urgent Support Services available for medical staff

