

- [Medical Staff Town Hall | March 2nd](#)
Send in your questions to senior medical leadership today using [Slido](#) [#MSTownHall](#) in advance of next week's town hall.
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Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | Feb 23](#)
 - **RAPID TESTS:** Health Minister Adrian Dix provided details about BC's [expanded strategy](#) to distribute rapid test kits. People over the age of 70 will be able to pick up a free five-test kit at pharmacies as early as this Friday.
 - **NEW VACCINE:** A new vaccine, Novavax, has been approved by Health Canada and is expected to arrive in BC in the next week to 10 days.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [PHO Order on Workplace Safety updated](#)

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) has updated the PHO Order on Workplace Safety, to support the transition of employees back into the workplace.
- [Updated: Personal Protective Equipment FAQs](#)

Two Island Health PPE FAQs documents have been updated 1. Eye Protection FAQs (# 1, 2 and 5). 2. Mask Policy FAQs (#16 masking guidance for patients on Droplet and Contact Precautions) has been added.

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since February 16 (last bulletin)	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	799	3,914	653(108)	346,196	2,831
Island Health	140	623	70(9)	31,155	211

** Data from BCCDC public dashboard**

PHO/MHO News Release

BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology

BCCDC COVID-19 Case Reports

BC COVID-19 Dashboard: [Click here](#) for a daily update on COVID-19 numbers for British Columbia, Vancouver Island and other health regions. *Updates made after 4pm daily.

COVID-19 Outbreaks:

- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)

Details can be found in [this updated list](#) of active outbreaks.

COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

- [Updated: Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines and Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products](#)

The BCCDC Communicable Disease Manual has updated the:

- Length of self-isolation for cases who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- List of 'high priority settings' was removed from the contact management section.
- Sections on doses and schedule precautions and special considerations.

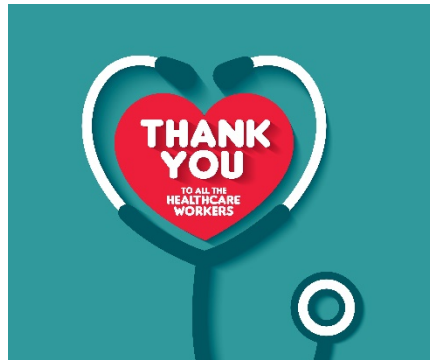
COVID-19 Immunization Data:

Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (5+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (18+) Two Doses & Boosters To Date
1,927,088	92.8%	88.6%	59.6%

Welcome New Medical Leaders:

- [Welcome Dr. James Curtis | Medical Lead, Nuclear Medicine](#)

Spotlight:



- [Drawing the Line on Safety](#)
Island Health's CEO Kathy MacNeil statement on recent verbal harassment and intimidation impacting members of the Island Health family.
 - [Pink Shirt Day is today, February 23, 2022!](#)
Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February each year and is a day to reflect on how each of us personally contributes to a more kind and inclusive world.
 - [Joint statement on Pink Shirt Day](#)
Premier John Horgan and Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education statement to mark Pink Shirt Day.
 - [BC Seniors Care Providers Day March 1, 2022 - A Day of Acknowledgement, Gratitude, and Respect](#)
March 1, 2022 will mark British Columbia's 6th Official Proclamation for "BC Care Providers Day". It is on this day that Island Health takes the time to formally recognize the tens of thousands of people who bring care, comfort and friendship to our seniors.
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Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update - February 23](#)
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Upcoming Events:

- [Medicine Grand Rounds | Thursday February 24, 12:00-13:00](#)
 - [Neurology Grand Rounds | Thursday February 24, 12:00-13:00](#)
 - [Primary Care Grand Rounds | Thursday February 24, 18:30-19:30](#)
 - [BC Renal | Dr. Navdeep Tangri | Helping to predict outcomes in CKD: new paradigms and tools | Friday February 25, 07:30-08:30](#)
 - [Medical Staff Town Hall | Wednesday March 2, 07:15-08:30](#)
 - [Introduction to Quality Improvement - Day 1 | Wednesday March 2, 08:30-12:30](#)
 - [Infection Rounds | Wednesday March 2, 12:00-13:00](#)
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The next email bulletin will occur **March 2nd** 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 :

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