



Island Health End of Day & CEO Messages:



- [Message from CEO Kathy MacNeil and CMHO Dr. Murray Fyfe | March 22, 2022](#)

This bulletin on Drug Poisoning & Overdose Response provides a brief update on the drug poisoning crisis by sharing stories of those affected, offering ways to reduce stigma, increasing understanding of substance use as a health care concern and addressing how we can work together to save lives.

Spotlight:

- [Spoken-word artist Shane Koyczan pays tribute to health care workers](#)

On March 11, marking the two-year anniversary of the pandemic, spoken-word artist Shane Koyczan performed for a small, in-person group of Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) staff. The performance was webcasted and recorded, to be shared with all health care workers.

- [Additional fit testing starts this week](#)

The Occupational Health and Safety Department is offering additional drop-in Fit Testing Clinics, at many of our acute care sites commencing on March 22, 2022.

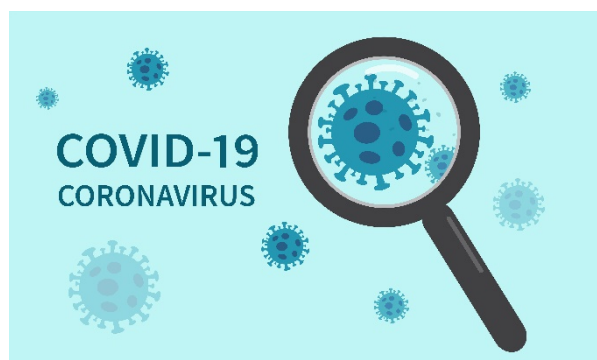
- [Set up your Self-Service Password Reset service](#)

Save time by using the new Self-Service Password Reset (SSPR) tool which was launched in mid-March. SSPR allows you to reset forgotten Window/Network passwords on your own and unlock your account without the need to call the Service Desk and wait for assistance.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1 : Communicable Disease Control: COVID-19 Interim Guidelines](#)

The BCCDC COVID-19 Interim Guidelines were updated to include a section on the effectiveness of contact tracing in the context of current transmission, information on MHO considerations for declaring outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and an additional appendix on outbreak control measures. Changes are outlined in more detail in this Summary of changes: Admin Circular.



- [BC COVID-19 Lessons Learned Review](#)

The Province is launching an independent review and public consultation on its operational response to COVID-19, to better inform preparations and response to

future emergencies. Island Health values your input and would like to know what aspects of the B.C. government's response to COVID-19 from March 2020 to now you think worked well.

- [Updated MOH Guidance Document: Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living and Posters](#)

This Ministry of Health guidance document is updated to include as of March 18, all visitors will be allowed at long-term care and seniors' assisted living facilities. All visitors must show proof of vaccination before visiting a long-term care or seniors' assisted-living facility. Proof of vaccination is not required for: Children under the age of 12, People with an approved medical exemption, Compassionate visits related to end-of-life.

- [Rapid tests for people 18+ available at pharmacies](#)

Starting Wednesday, March 23, 2022, rapid antigen test kits will be available to people aged 18 years and older through community pharmacies.

- [What to do after your COVID-19 test](#)

BCCDC handouts for people about self-isolation after a test and for people who test positive were updated with the recent changes to self-isolation and information on managing their illness. This is relevant to the general public and medical staff at Island Health. Topics include: Self isolation If you test negative or positive, Returning from travel outside of Canada and more.

- [COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control \(IPC\) Considerations for MHSU Settings](#)

This BCCDC guidance document provides practical information for mental health and substance use (MHSU) inpatient settings for the prevention of COVID-19 and further transmission.

- [Updated: COVID-19: Viral Testing Guidelines for British Columbia](#)

BCCDC Guidelines for COVID-19 testing in B.C. are periodically reviewed and updated based on: COVID-19 epidemiology; New clinical information; Current eligibility for treatment; Public health measures in place and more. Updates to this document included: Unvaccinated / partially vaccinated individuals 50 years

and older, fully vaccinated individuals 70 years and older, but have three or more chronic conditions.

	Today's New Cases	New Cases since March 16 (last bulletin)	Currently hospitalized (ICU)	Cumulative Cases	Total Deaths
BC	269	1,464	258(49)	354,603	2,975
Island Health	53	289	30(3)	32,826	236

** 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.

- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)
Details can be found in [this updated list](#) of active outbreaks.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates:

- [Prescribing Therapies for Mild-Moderate COVID-19 / Q&A for health care providers](#)
The British Columbia COVID-19 Therapeutics Committee (CTC) provides guidance on the most current research on the use of therapies in the management of COVID-19. This update is for all general practitioners and specialists. Topics include: What has changed in terms of who treatment is being considered for? What are the steps to prescribing? and more.
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COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

Island Health region Total Vaccines Administered To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (5+) 2nd Dose To Date	% Population Immunized (12+) Two Doses & Boosters To Date
1,953,095	93.2%	89.9%	80.6%

Newsletters:

- [Between the Lines: Long-Term Care Program Newsletter](#)
Spring is here and the March LTC Newsletter is ready for you! Some highlights for this edition: Nutritional Needs During Wound Healing, Dementia Observation Systems Resources, Plan-Do-Study-Act: Preparing for Improvements, Care Planning & PIECES Case Study Review and more.

Upcoming Events and Education:

- [Save the Date: Island Medicine Conference](#)
A Conference for Collaborative Clinicians June 10–11 (Fri–Sat) | Victoria Convention Centre, BC Target audience: family physicians, emergency physicians, hospitalists, geriatricians, pediatricians, nurses, nurse practitioners, residents and students.
- [BCCDC Grand Rounds | Tuesday March 29, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Medical Leader Town Hall | Wednesday March 30, 07:30-08:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday March 30, 12:00-13:00](#)

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