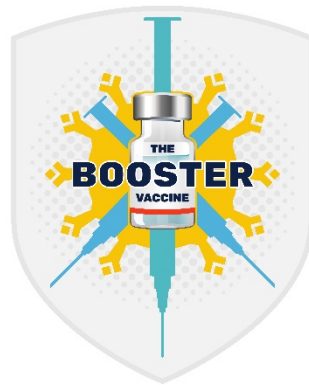




**VP Pandemic Planning & VP Population & Public Health
Update:**

- [Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update | April 5](#)

COVID-19 Updates:



- [Update on COVID-19 in B.C Presented by Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix](#)
 - B.C. has started rolling out fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for seniors over 70, Indigenous people aged 55 and older, and those who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable.
 - B.C. Vaccine Card program ending effective Friday April 8th at 12:01 a.m. PT. Individual businesses and organizations can choose to continue requiring the BC Vaccine Card on their premises.
 - As of Monday, April 11, 2022, citizens 18+ can pick up rapid antigen tests at local community pharmacies without needing to show their B.C. personal health number.

- **BC COVID-19 Data:**

- [Click here](#) for data on COVID-19 numbers for British Columbia, Vancouver Island and other health regions. *Provincial case numbers will be reported weekly on Thursdays starting April 7.
- [PHO/MHO News Release](#)
- [BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)
- [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)

COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates:

- [Updated: Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19](#)

This updated BCCDC guidance document addresses key therapeutic areas of concern for clinicians with recommendations sorted by severity of patient illness.

COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

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

This updated BCCDC guidance document has been updated to indicate that residents of long term care (LTC), alternate level of care clients awaiting placement in LTC, individuals 70 years of age and older, and indigenous persons 55 years of age and older are eligible for a second booster dose at least 6 months after the first booster dose.

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
1,959,771	93.3%	90.2%	80%

Spotlight:



- [Island Health launches overdose prevention campaign aimed at men](#)
On April 4, Island Health launched a three-week overdose prevention campaign aimed at men who are at-risk of injury and death caused by the toxic drug supply. The drug poisoning crisis has claimed the lives of more 1,417 Island Health residents since this public health emergency was declared in 2016.
 - [Outdoor luncheon celebrates and thanks CRH staff, medical staff and volunteers](#)
Island Health and Indigenous Health host a spring celebration at the North Island Hospital Campbell River.
 - [March MAiD conference a valuable mix of experience, education and consensus](#)
A MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) conference hosted by Dr. David Robertson, Amanda Proznick and Jill Gerke, took place on Friday, March 18th focusing on where the law will change in a year; issues where interpretation of the current law is still evolving; and issues where less experienced practitioners are still seeking guidance from their more experienced colleagues.
 - [Patient Safety Learning Summary - Heat Wave Impacts on Home Support Clients](#)
Heat Wave Impacts on Home Support Clients is the newest Learning Summary to be published. You can find all the Learning Summaries on the Patient Safety Learning Summary intranet page.
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IHealth Updates:

- [New IHealth Medical Staff Specialty Leads working collaboratively to optimize clinical documentation and order sets](#)

In March, 44 members of Island Health's medical staff started in their roles as IHealth Specialty Leads, supporting efforts to advance integrated, region-wide use of the Cerner electronic health record (EHR) across programs and services.

Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update | April 6](#)
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Upcoming Events and Education:

- [Island Health Quality Rounds return on April 7th!](#)
Quality Rounds is a platform to showcase and spread improvements, share leading practices and learnings from quality improvement initiatives and highlight how we are meeting organizational annual priorities.
- [Upcoming Primary Care Grand Rounds: The Greening of Healthcare | May 17 2022, 18:30-19:30](#)
- [Pediatric Resident Rounds: Perinatal Infections - HIV, Syphilis and more | Thursday April 7, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [VGH \(Vancouver General Hospital\) Division of Infectious Diseases: Challenges and Insights of Cytomegalovirus \(CMV\) in Transplantation | Thursday April 7, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Diabetic nephropathy and precision medicine | Friday April 8, 07:30-08:30](#)
- [BC ECHO for Post-COVID-19 Recovery – Session 9 | Tuesday April 12, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort L | Tuesday April 12, 16:30-18:30](#)
- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses: Cohort K | Tuesday April 12, 19:00-21:00](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday April 13, 12:00-13:00](#)

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