



- [Monkeypox cases, vaccination update | July 29, 2022](#)
Monkeypox vaccines are now available to British Columbians
 - [Eligibility criteria and appointment booking for monkeypox vaccination](#)

Spotlight:

- [Introducing the Port McNeill Primary Care/A'ekakila'as Healthcare Team](#)
Island Health's primary care clinic (PCC) in Port McNeill was set up last summer to provide integrated, accessible healthcare services by a team of clinicians who are working together to provide primary care for residents living in north Vancouver Island.
- [Residential Schools: An Apology and Supports Available](#)
During his first full-day in Canada on July 25th, Pope Francis visited the Montana Cree First Nation in Alberta, where thousands of residential school survivors and their families gathered to witness and hear a long-awaited formal apology for the Catholic Church's role in the cultural genocide caused by Canada's residential school system.
- [Virtual Care Services announces a new streamlined intake process for clinical programs](#)
Celebrating over 160,000 clinical video consultations to date!
- [Reporting Incidents & Safety Events](#)
Located at the top left of the Intranet home page, the "Report Incidents & Safety Events" button is the place to go to report an incident, patient safety event, or request information/support to address patient/staff health and safety matters.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [What is going on with COVID-19?](#)
Island Health guidance document on why it is still important to maintain the

layers of protection that we have come to know through this pandemic; for some people COVID-19 can still be a serious disease.



- [Children under 5 years now eligible to register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
Beginning August 2, 2022, all people over the age of 6 months in B.C. can now receive protection against the COVID-19 virus, following Health Canada's approval of the vaccine specifically formulated for children between the ages of 6 months and five years old.
- [B.C.'s COVID-19 immunization plan continues with fall booster](#)
Government of B.C. update on how people in B.C. can look ahead to their next

COVID-19 vaccine dose with the announcement of a fall booster program as the next step in its COVID-19 immunization plan.

- [Updated: Practice Tool #3 – Drug Interactions and Contraindications](#)

Updated BCCDC guidance on managing the interaction between apixaban and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir. Most resources now support drug modifications for the duration of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir treatment and 2 additional days after the treatment finishes (as opposed to 3).

- [World Health Organization Emergency Use Authorization Qualified COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

BCCDC guidance document on the WHO list of EUA qualified COVID-19 vaccines update includes pending vaccines such as Sputnik V, Recombinant Novel Coronavirus Vaccine, Corbevax and more. (Target Audience: Health-care providers with patients who have received COVID-19 vaccination outside of Canada.)

- [Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products & Appendix E – Management of Biologicals](#)

BCCDC Guidance Manual updated for COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility: A new product page has been developed for the Comirnaty® (Pfizer-BioNTech) Adult/Adolescent vaccine supplied with a gray vial cap and gray border around the vial. Content related to reported rates of myocarditis under Adverse Events has been updated (Pfizer-BioNTech).

- [COVID-19 Therapies - tixagevimab/cilgavimab \(EVUSHELD™\) Guidance Documents](#)

BCCDC guidance updates within the Health Care Provider Information document includes current recommendations for tixagevimab/cilgavimab in BC, and revised guidance regarding the use of tixagevimab/cilgavimab for pre-exposure prophylaxis against COVID-19 considering the predominance of the BA 4/5 Variants of Concern in BC.

IHealth News:

- [WCGH Goes Live with Electronic Clinical Documentation](#)

West Coast General Hospital (WCGH) staff are celebrating a smooth and successful IHealth go-live with electronic clinical documentation. Serving a population of 18,000 people in the Alberni Valley, staff at WCGH made the move to electronic "ClinDoc" on June 27.

- [EHR Capabilities Increasing Across Island Health](#)

The expansion of the EHR is bringing Island Health closer to the vision for IHealth, which is "One Person. One Record. One Plan for Health and Care".

Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:

- [Medical Staff Town Hall | Medical Staff Town Hall | Thursday September 8, 07:30-08:30](#)

- [Navigating Island Health - Medical Leadership Series:](#)

- [Medical Leadership Foundations | September 9th](#)

Join this zoom session to learn about the foundation of health authority strategic and operational priorities, and the frameworks for quality,

safety, and medical staff structures. Open to new and current medical leaders.

- [Medical Leadership Contracts | September 14th](#)

Join this zoom session to learn about the core components of medical contracts that affect medical leaders. Open to medical leaders.

- [Coaching opportunity for Rural teams](#)

The Rural Coordination Center of BC's Quality Team Coaching for Rural BC accepting applications for interdisciplinary teams to participate. Application deadline is August 12, 2022. Options for in-person and virtual attendance.

- [Registration Now Open For the 68th Annual St. Paul's Hospital CME Conference for Primary Care Physicians](#)

This annual conference in primary care medicine provides an opportunity to refresh your knowledge about, and enthusiasm for, primary care medicine.

- [Human Safety Optimization Training | Friday August 19, 17:30-19:30](#)

Doctors of BC will be offering several two-hour webinars beginning in November that will provide information to help members:

- Understand key vulnerabilities and how physician violence escalates.
- Protect against data breaches.
- Create safe online practices.

- [Trauma Rounds | Tuesday September 6, 12:00-13:00](#)

- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Course | Cohort B&F - Click for details](#)

- [Wellness Webinars for August](#)

Register in the Learning Hub for any of these free Wellness webinars.

All upcoming events found on the calendar of events page

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Newsletters:

- [Island Health Magazine: Summer Edition](#)
This summer issue includes articles on the impacts of climate change on our

health and well-being, service expansions in virtual care, new long-COVID care services, the use of stigma-free images in our communications and much more.

- [MHSU July Update](#)

This July MHSU issue includes: details on MHSU's recruitment marketing campaign; updates on the Tertiary Child and Youth Mental Health redesign; letters of appreciation from clients; highlights from staff at the Duncan parade; accreditation news and notes, and upcoming suicide-related training opportunities.

- [Primary Care Update | August 3rd](#)

This August issue includes: Health Canada approved the Moderna Spikevax mRNA COVID-19 vaccine formulated for children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old. The vaccine will be available for this age group across B.C. as of Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

- [RCME Community Program Newsletter Summer 2022](#)

This summer issue highlights community implementation information, Coaching and Mentoring Program, Quality Team Coaching for Rural BC.

- [CME Offerings September 2022 Newsletter](#)

This September issue covers upcoming virtual online courses, September upcoming conferences, ongoing opportunities and more.

- [Toxic Drug Crisis Bulletin - July 2022](#)

This July issue includes the BC Coroners Service Death Panel Review report including recommendations for reducing illicit drug toxicity deaths and poisoning events.

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