



MEDICAL STAFF BULLETIN

January 12, 2023

[Health System Capacity Emergency Operations Centre](#)

As of Monday, January 9, Island Health has restarted the Health System Capacity Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) structure for a six week period to support an Island-wide coordinated approach to the annual surge pressure hospitals experience at this time of year. To read more on this topic - click [here](#).

[Last Call for rural physicians to complete the Annual Rural Physician Confirmation Survey](#)

Physicians practicing within a designated Rural Practice Subsidiary Agreement Community in Island Health, are asked to complete this survey by January 16, 2023, to ensure that there is no disruption to their rural benefits. The information collected in the Annual Rural Physician Confirmation survey determined eligibility for all Rural Programs.



[Updated Medical Staff Rules and The Proposed Changes January 2023](#)

The Medical Staff Legislative Committee is undertaking a review of the Medical Staff Rules (MSR). The last update to the MSR was in 2020. The proposed updates include the incorporation of language addressing Cultural Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion principles and changes to MOST orders for non-privileged physicians.

Public Health:



- [Island Health launches texting service for drug-poisoning advisories](#)
- an overview of a new Island Health service with text notifications to community members who subscribe to the service with drug-poisoning overdose advisories.
- [Minister's statement on actions by federal government to protect Canadians from COVID-19](#)
- a statement from Minister Adrian Dix on actions being taken by the federal government to protect Canadians from COVID-19. Read more from Adrian Dix on updated COVID-19 protocols related to LTC and Seniors' AL facilities [here](#).
- [Algorithm for Treatment of COVID-19 in Hospitalized Patients](#)
- a revised BCCDC flow chart for therapeutic decision making for adult, non-pregnant patients who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Spotlight:



- [Looking at what lies ahead for Island Health](#)
Island Health Board Chair Leah Hollins shared her thoughts on the past year and the successes/lessons learned. As Island Health moves into 2023, she explains what the organization has planned and how the community will benefit.

- [Comox Valley Low Intensity Rehabilitation Unit \(LIRU\) Opening](#)

At Comox Valley Hospital ten (10) beds on unit 4A will convert to a Low Intensity Rehabilitation Unit (LIRU). Eligible patients from Comox Valley, Campbell River, Port Hardy and Port McNeill Hospitals will have access to this program starting January 16th, 2023. **Intranet login required.*

- [Revised Island Health policy framework launches](#)

Technology News:



- [Clinical Order Set Change- Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis](#)

The paper/electronic Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP) (Module) order set has been revised.

- [Survey - Community Virtual Care Program](#)

There is still time to take this survey to help improve the Community Virtual Care Program for people with chronic conditions.

Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:



- [Patient Safety & Learning System \(PSLS\) Video - Dr. Daisy Dulay](#)

This video presented by Dr. Daisy Dulay provides an overview of PSLS including the purpose, process, introduction to the team and the steps after a PSLS review.



- [Indigenous Cultural Safety Webinar Series: Session 2 of 5](#)

Session 2 focuses on: What is Indigenous Cultural Safety and why is it focused on Indigenous Peoples in BC.

- [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Course](#)

This course Physician Wellness Group Training Course is an 8-week virtual course designed to provide BC physicians with education and training to support their own mental wellbeing through evidence-based self-management strategies.

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



Newsletters:



- [Responding to the Toxic Drug Crisis | January 4, 2023](#)
This issue provides brief highlights from a few Sprint projects related to the toxic drug crisis.

The next email bulletin will occur **February 9th**. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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